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US First Lady Jill Biden (second left) and Olena Zelenska, spouse of Ukrainian's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, at a school in Ukraine | AP

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60 FEARED KILLED AS RUSSIA STRIKES SCHOOL IN UKRAINE

The school in east Ukraine's Lugansk region was sheltering about 90 civilians when it was hit by an air strike on Saturday

BUILDING FULLY DESTROYED: LOCAL LEADER

The attack completely destroyed the school in the village of Bilohorivka, Lugansk regional governor Sergii Gaidai wrote on Telegram. Thirty people have been rescued by emergency personnel. However, some 60 people still trapped beneath the debris "are probably dead", Gaidai wrote. Meanwhile, Russian shelling killed two boys in a nearby town | P9

11 MISSING AFTER ATTACK ON HOUSE

- Rescue workers were also looking for survivors beneath the rubble of a house in Shepilivka, a village not far from the school. The house was sheltering about 11 civilians when it was hit by a missile
- Russian attacks have intensified ahead of the May 9 Victory Day — the anniversary of the Soviet Union's defeat of Nazi Germany

1st Lady

JILL BIDEN MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO UKRAINE ON SUNDAY

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People loot a truck transporting cooking gas cylinders in Colombo on Sunday, after waiting in queue overnight for fresh refills | AFP

Top oppn party turns down offer to lead SL govt

Mahinda booed during his first public outing since protests began; people loot LPG truck

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SRI Lanka continued to remain in flux on Sunday with the most powerful Opposition party rejecting embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's offer to head an interim government. In other words, the president was prepared to sacrifice elder brother Mahinda, the current premier, to save his chair.

"Our leader Sajith Premadasa refused to accept the president's offer," Tissa Attanayake, the national organiser for Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) revealed. The offer came amid a fresh round of Emergency Gotabaya clamped since Friday midnight as peaceful protests by students kept snowballing and a strike by trade unions brought the entire nation to a virtual standstill.

The SJB, however, said it was willing to support a proposal suggested by the nation's bar association to form an interim government for 18 months that would set in motion the process of abolishing the presidential system of governance.

Apparently Gotabaya had called up Premadasa over the phone to tap him on leading the interim government but without yielding on his presidential powers. Both the powerful Buddhist clergy and the breakaway group from the ruling coalition have demanded the formation of an interim government.

Meanwhile, Mahinda Rajapaksa got a sense of the intensity of anger on the streets against his ruling family on Sunday during his first public outing since nationwide protests erupted, as he booed and jeered, AFP reported.

Mahinda was visiting one of the holiest of Buddhist temples in Anuradhapura, 200 km north of Colombo. Dozens of people carried handwritten placards and chanted slogans demanding that 'thieves' be banned from the sacred city. "We will worship you if you stand down (as prime minister) and leave," one man shouted.

The police had to move in to clear the road for Rajapaksa's convoy of six vehicles.

In Colombo, a truck transporting cooking gas was looted by people waiting in an overnight queue for refills. The outnumbered police watched helplessly as men clambered onto the truck and got away with 84 cylinders of liquid petroleum gas, officials said.

Retiring judge may get to chair Central water body

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

THE Union government is likely to appoint Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran, who is retiring on May 10, as the next chairman of the Central Water Commission (CWC). He is already chairman of the Ravi Beas water tribunal that is dealing with the knotty Sutlej-Yamuna link canal project.

The term of the present CWC chairman, Dr R K Gupta, is coming to an end soon and Justice Saran will take over from him, according to highly placed sources. The CWC is primarily responsible for the control, conservation and utilisation of water throughout the country, and works for the resolution of disputes over sharing of water between states.

Resolving inter-state water disputes is one of the critical functions of the CWC. All major river basins are of inter-state nature. When one state builds a dam on an inter-state river, it affects interests of the other basin states. This leads to inter-state differences with regard to use, distribution and control of river water. India has seen as many as nine major Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunals so far. Water is a contentious subject and CWC plays a critical role in resolving disputes arising over it.

Vineet Saran

However, water disputes resolution is only one of over a dozen other important responsibilities of the CWC.

The Union government hopes to be able to build rules and protocols with the help of Justice Saran's legal expertise to avoid future disputes.

Justice Saran would bring to the CWC 40 years of experience in dealing with disputes and upholding the rule of law. He practised law in the Allahabad High Court from 1980 till 2002 on the constitutional, civil and criminal sides, before being appointed as a permanent judge in the Allahabad High Court on February 14, 2002, where he served for 13 years. He was then transferred to the Karnataka High Court on February 16, 2015 from where he was promoted as the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court on February 26, 2016. He was elevated to the Supreme Court in August 2018.

Khalistan flags at Himachal House wall

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

Mischief was clearly afoot in Himachal Pradesh as Khalistan flags were found tied to the main gate and the boundary wall of the state's Legislative Assembly complex in Dharamshala on Sunday. The state will go to polls later this year.

The harried police removed the flags and registered a case. There were no security guards or CCTV cameras near the gate, which ought to have encouraged miscreants to put up the flags, sources said. The police had earlier written to the Assembly Secretariat requesting that CCTV cameras be installed in the outer periphery of the complex, but no action was taken, sources said.

Khalistan flags on the main gate of the Himachal Assembly | PTI

A shocked Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur condemned the incident, cowardly. "Since the winter session of the Assembly alone is held there, tight security cover is required during that time alone," he tweeted.

Last year, the police found pro-Khalistan graffiti on boulders and parapets on the roads connecting Anandpur Sahib and Naina Devi. In July last year, the Sikhs For Justice (SJF), a US-based secessionist outfit, had threatened the Himachal chief minister saying he will not be allowed to hoist the Tricolour on Independence Day. It turned out to be an empty threat. Last month, the SFJ leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannu had called for hoisting the Khalistani flag in Shimla.

RUSH AHEAD OF POLLS

CM meets DCs, pushes for execution of budget works

ENS @ Bengaluru

With just around 10 months left for the Assembly elections and the clock ticking away, the BJP government is dashing to the finish line. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday called for a meeting of deputy commissioners of all districts and told them in no uncertain terms that they have to let go of their sarkari mindset and have to perform.

Insiders said this is Bommai's own "booster dose" to top bureaucrats as he was reviewing the progress of works announced in the state budget.

He asked the DCs to work efficiently and in a time-bound manner, and to avoid the dreaded "nale banni (come tomorrow)" at government offices. The government will support any initiative they take up to help the poor, Bommai said, adding, "Such projects will give you a sense of satisfaction and will change the perception of the people towards the government," he said. P4

Aasha attends sister's wedding virtually

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

THE family of acid attack victim Aasha (name changed) completed her sister's wedding on Sunday. The event, which was supposed to be a happy occasion, turned into a mere ritual, as the bride's sister Aasha is lying in ICU at St John's Hospital.

While her sister had agreed to go ahead with the marriage only if Aasha didn't cry, the acid attack victim struggled hard to hold back her tears even as she attended the wedding reception virtually on a video call from the mobile phone of her cousin.

As both Aasha and her family members could not control their emotions, the video call was stopped after the ceremony that was held between 7 pm and 9 pm. The family decided not to hurt Aasha further and avoided making a video call to her between 9 am and 9.30 am on Sunday when the muhurtham was fixed.

As per Aasha's wishes, the family members packed the wedding lunch and sent it to her. Aasha's aunt, in whose house the accused Nagesh was staying on rent seven years ago, has been next to Aasha since April 28, Aasha's uncle Sundaresh said. CONTINUED ON P2

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CMO clears BBMP budget, ups it by Rs 377 crore

Bengaluru: The CMO late on Saturday night approved the BBMP budget and increased the amount by Rs 377.50 crore. With an opening balance of Rs 5.58 crore, the BBMP on March 31 released a budget outlay of Rs 10,484.70 crore, and the government has okayed Rs 10,861.78 crore. P2

HK Patil writes to Speaker on fairness of EVMs

Bangalore: While there has been much complaining from many politicians about the fairness of EVMs, a senior Congress leader HK Patil has shot off a letter to the Speaker Kageri to have the matter intquired into. HK Patil has also pointed out that about 19 lakh EVMs are missing. P4

Faf, Hasaranga set up RCB victory against SRH

Mumbai: Faf Du Plessis (73 n.o) Wanindu Hasaranga (5/18) played an instrumental role as Royal Challengers Bangalore beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 67 runs to go fourth on the points table on Sunday. RCB finished with 192/3. Sunrisers, in reply, were floored by Hasaranga and were all out for 125. P11

LIFE IN PRISON PART-1

IT'S FAR FROM ROSES TO BE A WOMAN, AND PREGNANT AT B'LURU CENTRAL JAIL

*All is not well with women prisoners in Bengaluru Central Prisons at Parappana Agrahara. In a structure that is designed for male prisoners, women get marginalised. Their needs and problems become secondary, even as the number of women prisoners is rising considerably. With at least 20 of them crammed in each barrack and lacking proper care, helpless women prisoners are crying for attention. In this two-part series, **The New Indian Express** highlights the apathy of incarcerated pregnant women, many of whom end up delivering premature children or children with low birth weight, while some suffer even miscarriage. The other issue is about how these women need vocational courses, training and industries to come in so they can earn money to feed their children and families outside the prison.*

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE condition of women prisoners, who are pregnant, at the Bengaluru Central Prisons at Parappana Agrahara needs immediate attention.

Adjusting in a cramped space with just two bed sheets and one pillow to sleep on the floor, with the same food every other day, and filled with despair, anxiety and tension, pregnancy behind bars is not a pleasant experience for women who have wronged.

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We are building a new space to house around 1,000 prisoners. All activities are being chalked out for women prisoners. It will be ready in about a year. We are giving utmost care for women in our prisons. Except for space constraints there is no other problem.

Alok Mohan, DG, Prisons

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

₹5.58 cr	₹10,478.7 cr	₹377.50 cr	₹10,861.78 Cr
starting balance	estimate	additional amount by govt	Total

CMO clears BBMP budget, ups outlay by ₹377 crore

Major increase in amounts allocated to waste management

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Chief Minister's Office late on Saturday night approved the BBMP budget and increased the amount by Rs 377.50 crore.

The budget approval order, a copy of which is with The New Indian Express, has been sent to the Urban Development Department, while it is yet to be forwarded to the BBMP head office.

With an opening balance of Rs 5.58 crore, the BBMP on March 31, 2022 released a budget outlay of Rs 10,484.70 crore, and the government okayed Rs 10,861.78 crore.

The budget allocated for solid waste management and machinery management has been increased from Rs 15 crore to Rs 90 crore and for water and lines management from Rs 40 crore to Rs 65 crore, with the note that if the task is being executed by BWSSB, it should pay the increased amount of Rs 25 crore to BBMP.

The government has also increased the mayor's grant for media fraternity and health from Rs 50 lakh to Rs 2 crore. Rs 1 crore has been earmarked for the IDP Sallappa beneficiary programme for holding academic discussions and for the benefit of pourakarmikas and Kannada language.

For landfills, solid waste management and quarry management, the amount has been increased from Rs 20 crore to Rs 95 crore.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said, "The budget has been approved, but it has to be communicated to us officially. We might get the official communication by Monday."

A senior BBMP official said the budget amount for solid waste management has been increased as the government has noticed that there are many court cases and the execution of works has been facing criticism from the judiciary and citizens. The civil society has been critical of the management and that needs to be set right, he added.

The official said the government has seen that though the collection of property tax in April was good, it is not consistent.

"Many large properties are still not under the BBMP tax ambit. They are being tracked through Bescom bills and will be assessed based on that. Also, people underestimate their properties under the Self-Assessment Scheme (SAS) and pay lesser amounts as tax. Those who have rented out properties show them as self-occupied to avoid taxes. Many properties, including commercial establishments, hotels, homes, offices and hospitals, have dues pending up to Rs 20 crore. We will take action and recover the dues," he said.

BBMP Administrator Rakesh Singh said the government has set a target for the Palike to review the works every three months and to have around Rs 10,000 crore to execute the works, so that budget proposals are implemented.

This is not the first time that the government has revised the budget amount upwards. In 2020, against BBMP's outlay of Rs 10,899.84 crore, it had been increased to Rs 11,715.2 crore. In 2019, the BBMP Council, after debating it for three days, had approved the budget of Rs 12,574.77 crore, which was upped by Rs 1,886.14 crore.

In 2021-22, however, the Palike outlay was Rs 88,048.13 lakh, and the same amount was okayed.

BBMP chief inspects ongoing projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

NEWLY-appointed BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath undertook inspection of various developmental works in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Girinath reviewed progress of the ongoing K100 drain network beautification project, particularly the Koramangala stretch of the proposed rajakaluve. Under the project, which is part of the Citizens' Waterway Project, the K100 rajakaluve, which connects KR Market with Bellandur Lake, will be developed.

BBMP Chief Tushar Girinath during the inspection in Bengaluru on Sunday

The BBMP chief also visited the sites of several other projects, including construction of the elevated corridor proposed in Yelahanka. After completion, the corridor will run 1.4 km along the Doddaballapur Main Road. He directed officials to carry out the work quickly and smoothly, so as to not put citizens to hardships.

Girinath also inspected road-widening work on the Sankey Tank Road and Jayamahal Road. He inspected the areas where road-widening work will be taken up as the tendering process is still underway.

BE THE CHANGE

Members of Parivarthan, Pulikeshinagar Residents' Welfare Association and Fraser Town Residents' Welfare Association beautify an ugly black spot on a wall on Mosque Road in Fraser Town on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

Aasha worries about accused being at large

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AASHA has nightmares of being attacked again by Nagesh, Sundaresh added. "She keeps asking whether he has been caught. The police have interrogated over 40 people, including his family members, relatives and friends, but there are no clues about his location," he said.

"Aasha underwent another surgery on Friday. She is still in the ICU and doctors told us that she has to be in the hospital for at least two months," he said. Women's Commission chairperson Pramila Naidu, who had been invited for the wedding, said she could not attend as she was out of town.

Pramila Naidu said she is getting calls from relatives of Nagesh too, saying they are being harassed by the police, though they were not connected to the accused.

Freedom from domestic violence still a distant dream for women in state

Cases increased during lockdown

Karnataka State Women's Commission (KSWC) Chairperson Pramila Naidu noted that cases of domestic violence against women increased during Covid-19 lockdown, especially during the first wave as women faced a lot of pressure. "I used to get at least 40 to 50 calls a day from women victims. Also, since the liquor shops were closed during lockdown, many men addicted to alcohol released their frustration on their wives at home."

6 burn cases a day

The burns ward at Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru alone receives burn cases of at least six women a day, which are either due to homicide or suicide as a result of harassment from family members, according to Head of Unit, Department of Plastic Surgery, Dr Smitha Segu.

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

DESPITE women making progress in various spheres of life, cases of violence against them are still rampant. Since March 2020, as many as 1,072 domestic violence complaints, 221 dowry harassment complaints and 22 dowry death cases have been filed by women at Karnataka State Women's Commission (KSWC), according to its chairperson Pramila Naidu.

The Commission has received 27 rape cases, 67 sexual harassment cases, 208 workplace harassment cases and 160 cases related to property disputes from women of the state.

Pramila says a total of 4,762 complaints of harassment and violence have been received from women since March 2020, ever since she took charge as the chairperson..

As per the latest National Health Survey-5, conducted between 2019 and 2021, in Karnataka, 73.4 per cent women between the age of 15 and 49 years are literate and 35.1 per cent of women in the same age group are employed. Yet the violence against women continues.

When asked about the reasons behind the high number of cases, Pramila said, "Many women are still not educated and financially not independent. So they continue to compromise and stay in stressful marriages for the sake of their children and also due to conservative parents who do not permit them to come out of the marriage. The taboo still attached to divorce in the society is another reason. Hence, whenever I go to schools and colleges, I take a pledge from girls to get married only after they complete their education and when they are financially independent," she said.

The KSWC chairperson added that women should not tolerate violence against them and seek help as the system is supportive, laws are in their favour and confidentiality is maintained.

Noted women's activist at Aweksha, Donna Fernandes, said, "Women have the right to say no to anything they do not like. As women have progressed in modern times, they are increasingly saying no, but the attitude of men towards them still remains the same as they are not ready to accept a no from women. As a result, married women still suffer domestic violence and those who are unmarried are still subjected to violence like acid attacks," she said.

Aahana (name changed), a victim, said, "Since there has been a lot of technological advancement, there should be more options for women to lodge complaints virtually through WhatsApp or email, so that they feel safe and secured. All the legal proceedings too should be conducted virtually and there should be speedy trials. Only by making such avenues available, more women will come forward and share their grievances," she said.

As women have progressed in modern times, they are increasingly resisting violence, but the attitude of men towards them still remains the same
Donna Fernandes, women's activist at Aweksha

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

09th May: This week's sporty relationship between Venus and Mars encourages unusual outings and strange encounters. It's good to pursue entertainments which are out-of-the-ordinary, perhaps because life has become a little too predictable. That, at least, is the mood of the day. Within that pattern each one of us will make our own responses and take our own choices.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There's no need to remind you just how necessary it is to guarantee that other people are happy with your progress. Right now you need some reassurance that family members are content with your plans, especially if an upheaval is in the pipeline.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your daily schedule over the next few weeks will be profoundly affected by the fact that you're entering a new and distinctly serious phase of your life. Like anyone else, you need the chance to lead a more orderly routine. But the next couple of weeks will give you the opportunity to find out if that's really what you want.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Venus, the planetary ruler of partnerships, is still encouraging you to tell others how you really feel, but it is up to you to take their wishes into account much more than in the past. You'll also soon have a welcome chance to settle an outstanding dispute.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Even delays, difficulties and obstructions will have their place in the scheme of things over the coming period. Your skills, experience and confidence will all benefit as a result of coping with challenging circumstances. That suggests that you'll turn difficulties to your advantage.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The time for making important decisions is fast running out. There's no need to panic just yet, but you should gather whatever additional information is necessary to make the best choices. Yet again, your greatest asset is your irresistible charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Although as a Virgo you thrive on love and affection, there's something in you that resists being the centre of attention for too long. As a result you may find current emotional opportunities slightly hard to handle. And that's why you might be tempted to cut yourself off from a number of contacts.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You must be aware by now of strong undercurrents in your family life, or at least of the possibility that certain people have big plans for your future. Don't worry if there are delays now, as the end of the week will bring swift solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
A build-up of planets in lively regions of your chart indicates that you've every reason to celebrate. This is traditionally a time when you show off all your natural skills and advantages to their best. A word for those of you pursuing professional ambitions: make the most of all social offerings and openings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You're bound to feel a little more secretive, especially as friends will be pestering you over matters which are really none of their business. You'll be on safe ground just as long as you are discreet when necessary. Also, how about occupying the moral high ground?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It would be a gross understatement to say that as far as several of your major ambitions are concerned, this is a make-or-break period of your life. Press ahead with all the determination for which you are renowned - and set your sights on victory at the end of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your personal, emotional and romantic trends are looking decidedly lively. But the last thing you should be doing right now is ignoring the vital necessity of hard work if you want to advance in your career. If you're on the brink of a major breakthrough, one last push may be needed.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Not for the first time the planets have taken up a configuration which holds out superb possibilities as far as all your long-range goals are concerned. Try to plan as far ahead as possible. Everything depends on your ability to combine a grasp of detail with a grand, sweeping vision of the future.

THE PHANTOM

MOZZ, WHAT BECOMES OF DIANA?
DIANA AND....?
... AND THE LAST PHANTOM?
"DIANA TAKES A PERMANENT POST IN NEW YORK.
"IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOW, THE DEEP WOODS ARE HOME TO ONE WALKER....
"THE LAST OF HIS LINE."
Falk 4/4
DE PAUL + WALLY

HI AND LOIS

HOW WAS YOUR WEEKEND?
I TOOK SHELLEY TO THE MOVIES, THEN THE PARK, AND WE SAT ON A BENCH AND KISSED IN THE MOONLIGHT.
WOW! REALLY?!
WELL, THAT WAS THE DREAM I HAD SATURDAY NIGHT.
4-4

BEETLE BAILEY

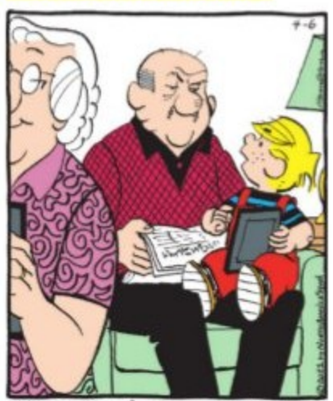
THE GENERAL DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU
YOU'RE MISTAKEN. I THINK HE'S EXPECTING ME
I GUESS HE REALLY WAS EXPECTING ME
GREG+MORT WALKER
4/6

BLONDIE

I'D LIKE TO THROW A BIG PARTY FOR MY EMPLOYEES TO CELEBRATE OUR REOPENING, BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A BUDGET TO WORK WITH
WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS IS IT?
IT'S STRICTLY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
WOW, GOOD FOR YOU!
THANK YOU, BUT THAT WASN'T EXACTLY MY GAME PLAN WHEN I STARTED IT

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE



SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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	7				4	2		
	2						5	
9			5	8		3		
		1		4	9			8
	9						8	
		6	2				3	
7		8	6		1			2

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

3	4	7	6	5	1	9	2	8
1	5	8	4	9	2	7	6	3
2	9	6	8	7	3	1	4	5
7	2	4	5	6	9	3	8	1
9	6	1	2	3	8	5	7	4
8	3	5	1	4	7	2	9	6
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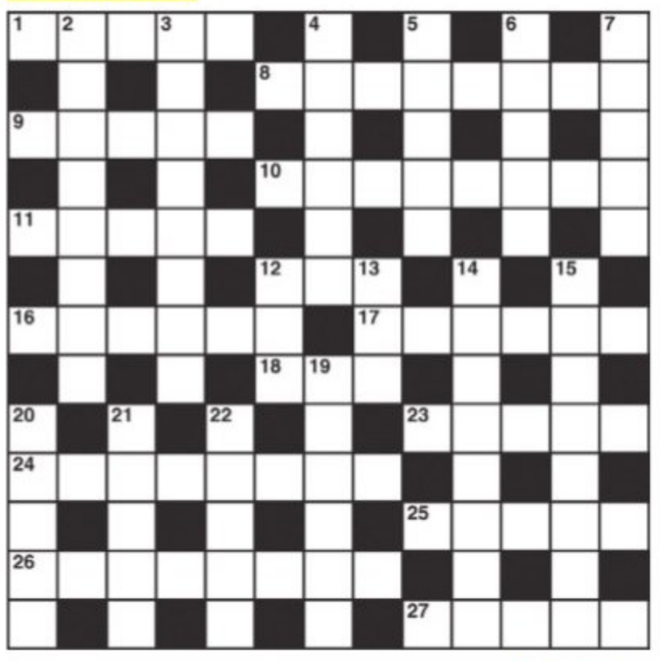
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Draw attention to location (5)
8 Device for company without any true organisation? (8)
9 A stone may bar the way (5)
10 Wild bear let out (8)
11 Block discovered in Roman villa (5)
12 Article on travel in the past (3)
16 The illumination comes down (6)
17 Done so may be caught (6)
18 Hurry from thieves (3)
23 What it means to be like Pavarotti (5)
24 Are they sung in deep voices? (3,5)
25 Small and mischievous, the Spanish finish in Paris (5)
26 New form of travel in space (8)
27 A bad lad of Austrian origin (5)

DOWN

2 Instrument with the stamp of fine stuff (8)
3 Left in error? (3,5)
4 Acknowledging applause for violin playing (6)
5 Riding school tumble? (5)
6 Street light to go off (5)
7 Colour for putting on (5)
12 A silent part of the forest (3)
13 Our first cardinal (3)
14 The mannequin went ahead and posed (8)
15 Something to remind one in passing (8)
19 Dressed up and ready to go? (2,4)
20 Bustling atmosphere around the street (5)
21 Function like a group of politicians (5)
22 Meals provided for the directors (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Lighthouse, 6 Acre, 10 Shore, 11 Dunce's cap, 12 Preserve, 13 Irony, 15 Lip-read, 17 Spectre, 19 Hayride, 21 Retreat, 22 Miner, 24 Forfeits, 27 Sheltered, 28 Aroma, 29 Skye, 30 Red setters.

Down: 1 Lash, 2 Geography, 3 Tiers, 4 Ordered, 5 Sonnets, 7 Cacao, 8 Empty seats, 9 Resident, 14 Alchemists, 16 Emigrate, 18 Twenty-one, 20 En force, 21 Reredos, 23 Needy, 25 Exact, 26 Ears.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GIGON
MYHET
IDNOIG
DTOLED

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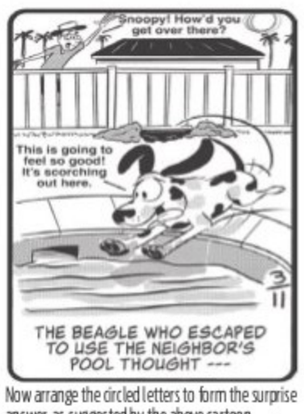
Snoopy! How'd you get over there?
This is going to feel so good! It's scorching out here.
THE BEAGLE WHO ESCAPED TO USE THE NEIGHBOR'S POOL THOUGHT

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
OPERA MOUND CROUCH SHROUD
ANSWER: If you want more zeros, an addition problem can make it easy to -- ROUND "SUM" UP

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 61 DAYS	■ 112 ◄ 171	■ 1 | ◄ 0	■ 92 | ◄ 121
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
■ TODAY ◄ YESTERDAY	■ 39,48,747 ◄ 39,48,635	■ 5.98% | ◄ 5.99%	■ 1.01% | ◄ 1.01%
ACTIVE CASES	■ 1,964 ◄ 1,945	RECOVERY RATE ■ 98.93% ◄ 98.93%	

B'luru Urban: 89	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 0	Kolara: 0	Shivamogga: 0
B'luru Rural: 0	Chikkaballapur: 0	Gadag: 0	Koppal: 0	Tumakuru: 2
Bagalkot: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 0	Hassan: 0	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 0
Ballari: 1	Chitradurga: 1	Haveri: 0	Mysuru:13	U Kannada: 0
Belagavi: 0	D Kannada: 5	Kalaburagi:1	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 1

HC prescribes guidelines for history sheeting

'Grievance redressal system needed'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

OBSERVING that there is a need for a comprehensive legislation concerning the Rowdy Sheeting and History Sheeting in view of the Supreme Court judgement related to privacy in the KS Puttaswamy case, the Karnataka High Court prescribed nine guidelines, including the review of entries in Rowdy Register once in two years by the jurisdictional police till a comprehensive legislation is framed.

Issuing these guidelines while disposing of petitions by 20 rowdy/history sheeters from different parts of the state seeking directions to the jurisdictional police to remove their names from the Rowdy/History Sheet, Justice Krishna S Dixit said the existing provisions of the Karnataka Police Manual prove inadequate in the light of Puttaswamy jurisprudence.

The court noted that there are discernible consequences adverse to the interest of the individual concerned who may not be an accused.

There has to be a due procedure for making or continuing entries in rowdy register/history sheets.

A proper grievance redressal mechanism has to be developed against a wrongful registration of names and their continuation, it opined.

The petitions contain cases in which rowdy sheeting is done without any basis, periodical suo motu review of rowdy sheets not done, review of rowdy sheets not undertaken despite representation and entries continued beyond reasonable period without justification.

Petitioners argued that there is no discernable procedure to enter their names to the Rowdy Registers and there is no procedural and substantive safeguarding of victims of rowdy sheeting, which has many implications on their liberty, privacy & reputation.

The state government contended that rowdy sheeting has been a necessary practice since colonial days and it is managed by police officials with expertise and due restraint.

IN THE HC

Social Stigma

"An individual being branded as a 'bad character/shady character', 'goonda' or 'rowdy' is viewed as an 'anti-social element'. During special occasions such as elections, festivals, social/political events, visits of constitutional/foreign dignitaries, social turmoil or the like, their activities are put under acute scanner.

Police surveillance per se casts social stigma that may mar the political career of the individual concerned. This is where some mechanism/framework has to be devised to minimize the damage potential in the light of privacy jurisprudence as developed in KS Puttaswamy's case", said Justice Krishna S Dixit.

A KEY MEASURE

A health worker collects swab samples as Covid cases are rising in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

70% thalassemia patients fail to find matching tissue for stem cell transplant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

STEM cell transplant is a boon to patients suffering from thalassemia, but 70 per cent of needy patients don't find a tissue (HLA) matching donor within their family, and need an unrelated matching blood stem cell donor, according to Dr Raghuram C P, consultant - Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant, at Aster Hospitals. On the occasion of World Thalassemia Day on Sunday, Aster Hospitals in partnership with 'i Love To Care' (India) Charitable Trust and DKMS-BMST Foundation India, organised a drive to create awareness and encourage people to come forward and register as stem cell donors.

Dr Stalin Ramprakash, consultant - Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and BMT, Aster Hospitals, said, "Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder that doesn't let the body create enough haemoglobin. The disease weakens and destroys the blood cells. In India, every six minutes someone is diagnosed with blood cancer, thalassemia, or aplastic anaemia. Children with severe forms of thalassemia need lifelong blood transfusions and careful monitoring for complications of blood transfusion.

Healthy red cells are transfused to support their growth and development. But stem cell transplant can cure thalassemia. In this, the child's original bone marrow is replaced with the new donor bone marrow which starts creating normal, healthy blood cells," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Health Minister orders fire safety audit in hospitals

Bengaluru: Karnataka Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar instructed health department officials of 16 district hospitals and 150 taluk hospitals across the state to conduct a fire safety audit of their premises and receive an NOC from the State fire and emergency service to prevent accidents, in view of the heat wave. Officials have been given a deadline of May 21 to submit an action taken report. The move was initiated by Sudhakar following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video conference with chief ministers of all states recently. Modi had suggested that fire safety audits be conducted at hospitals.

CABBIES ON NIGHT DUTY AT HIGH RISK

MANJU SHETTAR @Bengaluru

ATTACKS on cab drivers are on the rise in and around the city, and in recent cases, robbers posing as commuters targeted two drivers and attacked them before snatching their valuables.

It is not just robbery, as one cab driver discovered in Adugodi in October 2018. After he accepted a booking, his passengers snatched his car keys. Despite robbing him of Rs 29,000, the miscreants took him to an isolated place and forced him to video-call his wife. They instructed the driver to ask his wife to strip, and when she refused, they assaulted him again. This forced her to strip, and the gang allegedly took screenshots. Later, the driver was taken to a lodge from where he managed to escape on the pretext of going to the bathroom.

Arul Chandran, another victim, told TNIE, "It is our duty to accept bookings, and we are black-listed if we cancel a trip without valid reason. So we reach the pick-up spot on time."

It took Chandran almost 20 days to get out from the shock of a robbery, and now, he avoids rides if there are more than two persons at midnight.

Anup Shetty, DCP (North-East) said there should be an emergency alert system (SOS) for drivers who find themselves in trouble. "It would be helpful to send an alert to a nearby police station to track the cab's movements," he said.

Drivers should avoid isolated routes during night hours, and use only main roads. If they sense any danger from the commuters, they should stop the vehicles near shops or hotels on highways, or at toll gates.

RISKY RIDES

- **April 17, 2022:** A cab driver was stabbed by 32 times on his back by two minors who robbed him of Rs 12,000. The accused, from Bihar, had planned to camp in Bengaluru for a month to commit robberies. Locals noticed Dileep lying in pool of blood in the cab, his hand sticking out. They rushed him to St John's Hospital and alerted police
- **April 1, 2022:** Sampigehalli police arrested a gang of four for robbing cab driver Arul Chandran. The accused had booked the cab at Shivaram Karanth Layout, and when the driver reached the pickup spot, the accused snatched the car keys, stabbed him and escaped with his vehicle. Chandran was forced to withdraw money from a nearby ATM before he was pushed out of the car
- **Sept 2021:** A daylight robbery attempt was foiled with the help of passersby in Richmond Town when a youngster tried to rob a cab driver, armed with a sharp knife. Passersby snatched the knife away from Ritesh Jayakumar (18), a resident of Domlur, and thrashed him
- **Oct 2021:** Shanthappa Mallappa, a 26-year-old taxi driver, was assaulted and robbed by a gang of four posing as passengers. The resident of Kengeri was blindfolded and gagged, and the accused took his ATM card and assaulted him when he hesitated to disclose his PIN
- **Jan 2020:** A gang of seven attacked cab driver Girish, snatched his mobile and cash before driving off with his vehicle in Soladevanahalli. Night patrol police chased the gang but the robbers attacked two policemen and escaped, abandoning the cab near Hesaraghatta.

Cab mows down 4-year-old, injures his father

Bengaluru: A four-year-old boy died while his father escaped with injuries after a speeding cab knocked them down in Electronic City on Saturday night. The deceased boy is Avinash and the injured is Hanumanthappa (32), a daily wage worker. They hail from Bagalakote and were working at an under construction site at Somasundarapalya. The police said the incident occurred at around 8.30 pm when the duo was crossing the road at Gurumurthy Temple after buying groceries. The cab driver Andanaiah, who was heading towards the city, failed to notice them.

Actor injured, family blames bad roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 40-year-old actor, Sunetra Pandit, was severely injured in an accident at NR Colony near Basavanagudi on Saturday night. The incident occurred when the actor was returning home on a scooter and she lost control after crossing a road hump. The actor's family alleged that the road was in a bad condition causing her to lose control over the scooter. The accident was caught in CCTV camera and the footage went viral. However, Pandit's condition is said to be out of danger.

Sunetra Pandit is a resident of Basavanagudi. Pandit has acted in a popular TV serial 'Silli Lalli' and in supporting roles in several Kannada films. Her husband, Ramesh Pandit is also a well-known actor and theatre personality.

A police officer said the incident occurred at around 11.30 pm at NR Colony 9th cross. She crossed a small road hump and lost control over the vehicle. She fell next to the footpath and her helmet discorded before she landed. She sustained head injuries and passersby rushed her to a hospital.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Smt. Sumithramma, W/o Late A.V. Niranjan Rao,** aged about 57 years, have lost the below mentioned original documents.
1) Original Sale Deed of my husband Late **Sri. A.V.Niranjan Rao,** executed by the NTI EMPLOYEES HOUSING CO-OP- SOCIETY LTD, dated 25.08.1980, vide its Reg. No.6739/80-81, pages 1001-1004, volume 3229 of Book-I, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North of property bearing **NTI Vacant Site No.242, NTI Layout, Vidhyaranyapura, Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring 70.69.5/2 x 0+0/2 feet.
2) Possession Certificate issued by the NTI Employees Housing Co-op-Society Ltd.
3) Original Allotment Letter issued by the NTI Employees Housing Co-op-Society Ltd.
While I was Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Dr. M.H.Marigowda Road, Bangalore-560029 on 20.03.2022, but in spite of my best efforts, I could not trace out the same. In this regard I have lodge a Police Complaint to Bangalore City Crime Branch, dated 06.05.2022, vide Lost report No.0216897/2022.
If anyone found the above mentioned original documents, kindly return to the below mentioned my Address.

Sd/-

Smt. Sumithramma,
W/o Late A.V. Niranjan Rao,
No.170/51, 8th Cross, Savalanga Road,
Gandhinagar, Shimoga-577201
Mob: 6364062538

IN THE COURT OF XXI ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.Mis. Pet. No. 2674/2022
BETWEEN : 1) RATHNAMMA C.Y W/o. Late P. Rajappa, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No. 996, Hanchiya, Sathagahalli B Zone, Mysuru - 570 019. **2) Smt. Simitha. R** D/o. Late Rajappa Aged about 40 years, Residing No. 996, Hanchiya, Sathagahalli B Zone, Mysuru - 570 019. **...Petitioner's**
AND : The Registrar, Birth and Death office of the Commissioner, BBMP, 10th Floor, Public Utility Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru-560 001. **...Respondent**
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the petitioner has filed petition for obtaining an order seeking direction to above said respondent authority to enter the death of petitioner's daughter by name **R. SWETHA D/o. Late P.Rajappa, who was died on 29/12/2011 at No. 153/4, 6th C Main, 3rd Block, Thyagarajnagar, Bengaluru-560 028** and accordingly obtain death certificate from the respondent.
If any person interested to file their objection in this matter, may appear **at 11.00 am on 03.06.2022** to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble XXI ACMM at Bengaluru.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 6.5.2022.
By order of the Court, Shirstedar, XXI ACMM Court
Advocate for Petitioner : **Sri. ANIL KUMAR G.T.**
No. 35/1, Ground Floor, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main,
Near Vasavi Temple, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Ravi .K** S/o Kadappa Residing at: No. Vidyanagar Road, Vidyanagar, Ramanagar-562159 I have lost my Original Registered gift deed executed on dated-27.07.2012 doc-No.3719/2012-13 and Original Registered Cancellation of gift deed executed on dated-01.08.2012 doc-No.3869/2012-13 and Original Registered Cancellation agreement of sale executed on dated-19.05.2014 doc-No.1318/2014-15, for property bearing Municipal Khaneshumari Khatha Old No.101/2, Property No.2-3-545-18, New Khatha No.807/101/2, Property No.2-3-545-18/A, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South on Eastern side 28 feet, Western Side 22 feet totally measuring 1250 Sq feet situated at 2nd Stage, Vinayakanagara, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District, while travelling from Ramanagar to Bangalore KSRTC Bus.
If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.
Deepa .A.M, Advocate
KAR/474/2012
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet Road,
Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040.
Bangalore, Dated: 06.05.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that my client Sri. Rudresh R S/o Late Ramaiah states that Sale deed dated 08-08-2013 executed by M Venkateshappa represented by his GPA holder Sri. A Devaraj in favour of Rudresh R vide document No. BNS-1-06788/2013-14 stored in CD No. BNSD284 in the office of the senior sub-registrar Banaswadi, Bangalore and GPA executed by M Venkateshappa in favour of Sri. A Devaraj was lost. If any body get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned within **15 days** with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 57, old No 40 then New No 40/2 vide conversion order No. B.DIS/ALN/SR/1314/1971-72 dated 18-06-1972 issued by Tahasildar Bangalore South Taluk, situated at Babusapalya Village, Chalkere Dhakale (Mestri Muniswamappa Layout) K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore.
Measuring:
East to West : 30-0' ft
North to South : 40-0' ft
Totally measuring : 1200 sqft
Bounded on:
East by : Property No. 58
West by : Property No. 56
North by : 20 ft Road
South by : Property No. 70
POORNIMA .K.S, Advocate.
2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout,
Bangalore-560 078. Mobile No. 9886244736

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given under instruction from my client Mr.Narayana. K.M that he is the owner for site no.07. The original sale deed pertaining to the above said site- bearing doc.no.150/2011-12, CD No.JALD91, and Doc.No.2879/2007-08 CD No.JALD17 SRO Jala, has been lost by my client at the time of shifting of House . It is hereby informed to the public that incase any of them finds the same can contact on the below mentioned address or phone number.
SCHEDULE:
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.07, Assessment No.17/1 and 17/2, Situated at Kattigenahalli village Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently within the limits of presently BBMP measuring 68.7x40ft, in all measuring 2748 sqft ,and bounded on:
East by : Road,
West by : Alims property,
North by : Site No.06
South by : Site No.08
V.L.Associates
Advocates
No.173/A, 14th Cross, 1st Block,
Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851 / 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 07.05.2022

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE XXIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 1573/2021
BETWEEN: AJAY KUMAR GARG, Through his Power of Attorney, R/o 308, Express Apartments, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010.
...PLAINTIFFS
-AND-
1. M/s. JOHN FOWLER (INDIA) LTD., Represented by Mr. Vimal M Nanda, Having Registered office at: 20, Marshall's Building, Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg, Mumbai.
2. K. Raheja Development Corporation Represented by Vimal M Nanda (Power of Attorney) Registered office at: Construction House, 'A' 24th Road Khar, Mumbai-400052.
Site Office at: Raheja Towers, 13th Floor, 26-27, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. **...DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE / SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION DEFENDANTS:
1. M/s. JOHN FOWLER (INDIA) LTD. Represented by Mr. Vimal M Nanda, Having Registered office at: 20, Marshall's Building, Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg, Mumbai.
2. K. Raheja Development Corporation Represented by Vimal M Nanda (Power of Attorney) Registered office at: Construction House, 'A' 24th Road Khar, Mumbai-400052.
Site Office at: Raheja Towers, 13th Floor, 26-27, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Whereas the above Original Suit No. 1573/2021 has been filed by the Plaintiff against you praying for order(s) directing the Defendants to execute the sale deed qua the Flat No. 206, Block G, in the residential project 'Raheja Residency' at Koramangala, Bengaluru in favour of the Plaintiff and also praying for a decree of declaration in the favour of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants, declaring the Plaintiff as owner and title holder of the Flat No. 206, Block G, in the residential project 'Raheja Residency' at Koramangala, Bengaluru and for other consequential reliefs.
You are hereby summoned to appear before Hon'ble City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore sitting at CCH-30 in person or by pleader **on 13th day of June 2022 at 11.00 AM** to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed off ex-parte.
The Schedule of the property is mentioned as herebelow:
THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:
Property bearing Sy.No. 21, 22, 42 AND 52 of Jakkasandra Village, Koramangala, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward 68, Division 66A, admeasuring 3.55.490 Sq.Ft. which is bounded and measuring as follows:
East by : Industrial area and other private properties and measuring 728 Feet, **West by :** Jakkasandra Block, 8th C Main Road and measuring 756 Feet, **North by :** 4th Block, 7th Cross Road, Koramangala and measuring 428 Feet, **South by :** Balance portion of property retained by M/s. John Fowler (India) Limited, and measuring 553 Feet 3 inches.
THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:
All that piece and parcel of land, being Plinth area, on which Building Block No. 'G' i.e. "SPRUCE" is under construction, admeasuring approximately 1163.40 Sq.mtrs. bounded as follows:
East by : Internal Feeder Road and Block 'A', **West by :** Internal Feeder Road and Compound Wall, **North by :** Internal Feeder Road and Compound Wall, **South by :** Internal Feeder Road and Party Block 'F' and Partly by Common Recreation Area.
THE THIRD SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :
Apartment No. 206 on the Second Floor of the said building Block No. 'G' i.e. "SPRUCE" in RAHEJA RESIDENCY having a saleable area of 1305 Sq.Ft. and also exclusive right of use of NIL Nos. of car parking space/s in the Basement Compound adjacent to the aforesaid building (Typical floor plan pertaining to the apartment is annexed hereto as ANNEXURE "2"). The Specific location/allotment of the car parking space/s shall be indicated/allotted to the prospective Purchaser on the delivery of possession of the said Apartment/s.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 20th day of April 2022.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff :
GAURAV SINGH GAUR
305, Silver Palace Apartments,
M.V. Jayaram Road, Vasanth Nagar,
Bangalore - 560 052.

FORM NO. INC-25A
Before the **Regional Director, Southeast Region,** Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad - 500 068
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of **Eurofins Advinus Limited** having its registered office at Administrative Block, 21 & 22, Phase II, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560058, **: Applicant**
Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Company intends to make an application to the Central Government under Section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on May 2, 2022 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion.
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Southeast Region (i.e., to Shri. Bibekananda Mohanty, The Regional Director, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500 068, Telengana Phone: 040 29804127, 29803127(Off)), within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:
For Eurofins Advinus Limited
Sd/-
Rajiv Malik, Managing
Director Cum CEO
DIN: 00334785
Complete address of registered office:
Eurofins Advinus Limited
Administrative Block, 21 & 22,
Phase II, Peenya Industrial Area,
Bengaluru-560058.
Date: 09.05.2022
Place : Bengaluru

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.
No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Ph: 080-26676325, 26983700, 22976600, 22976622, 22976656
Fax: 080-26628521, E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

We, **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has been returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor / Surety: The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., through its **PUB Branch** has advanced House Purchase Loan of **Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Only) on 30.12.2009 to Borrowers: 1) Sri I. Haribabu S/o. Eshwarappa,** No. 2, 2nd Floor, Naveen Kumar Complex, Bheereshwaranagar, Chunchagatta Main Road, Bengaluru - 560062. **Also at: Sri I. Haribabu, Proprietor, Jaya Apparel,** No. 5, 2nd Floor, G.K.M College Road, Gundamma Layout, Jaraganahalli, Bengaluru - 560078. **2) Smt. R. Jayapradha, W/o. Haribabu. I,** No. 2, 2nd Floor, Naveen Kumar Complex, Bheereshwaranagar, Chunchagatta Main Road, Bengaluru - 560062. **Also at: Smt. R. Jayapradha, Proprietor, Jaya Apparel,** No. 56, 1st Floor, Chunchagatta Main Road, Konanakunte Post, Bengaluru-560062. **Guarantor: Chithra, Charitha Fashions,** No.37/F, CKR Block, Bheereshwaranagar, Konanakunte Post, Bengaluru - 560062.
Loan A/c No.: 1011-50-761-0000049 Principal Rs. 23,22,840/- + Int. Rs. 36,51,485/- +P.Int. Rs. 2,85,690/- Total Amount Rs. 62,60,015/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Sixty Thousand and Fifteen Only) as on **17.02.2022** together with further interest thereon contractual interest rate from **17.02.2022.** and all other costs and charges including penal interest.
NPA Date : 29.07.2010 Demand Notice Dated : 21.04.2022
SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.15/13, Katha No.14, New No.6, PID No.86-95-6, Situated at 1st Cross, Nagayyanapalya, Byappanahalli, Manevarthekaval Dhakle, M.S. Post, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Ward No.86, now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore - 560032, measuring East to West 44 feet and North to South 31 feet measuring in all 1364 Sq.feet consisting of 8 Square Building and bounded on the RCC Roofing, mosaic flooring, Doors and windows are Home: **East by :** Portion of same property No.15/13, **West by :** Property of Dadi Muniswamappa, **North by :** 20 feet Road, **South by :** Private Property.

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Date : 09-05-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,**

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DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

We, **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has been returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

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Loan A/c No.: 1011-50-761-0000036, Principal Rs. 8,11,718/- + Int. Rs. 1,45,996/- + P.Int. Rs.8,395/- Total Amount Rs. 9,66,109/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred and Nine Only) as on **17.02.2022** together with further interest thereon contractual interest rate from **17.02.2022.** and all other costs and charges including penal interest.
NPA Date : 04.05.2020 Demand Notice Dated : 28.03.2022
SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No.451, bearing No.451/1, situated at Sunkehalli, adjacent site layout, formed by Bengaluru Development Authority, Bangalore later property being portion of Municipal No.451/56-62 presently property bearing new municipal No.62 (PID No.52-3-62) situated at Tara Subba Rao, Hanumanthanagr, Bangalore ward No.52, Bangalore measuring **East to West 32 feet and North to South 17 feet** and bounded as follows: **East by :** Site Old BDA No.451/2 belongs to Smt. Kamalamma, presently Municipal No.613, **West by :** BDA Site No.1108, **North by :** BDA Site No.45/1, present Municipal No.62/2, belongs to Smt. Shashi, **South by :** BDA Site No.450, present Municipal No.61, belongs to Sri Sheshadri Iyer.
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Date : 09-05-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,**

POSSESSION NOTICE

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Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	30198645987242	1) M/s. Basavehswara Medical and General Store, 2) Mr. Umesh Gowda, 3) Mrs. Lakshmi Devi T	07.07.2021 Rs.29,90,626.00 as on 30.06.2021	05.05.2022 1.05 p.m Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Sy. No.58/2, Site No.57, Katha No.1124,Conversion land agriculture to non-agriculture residential purpose No.B.DIS.ALN.S.R(6) 257/92 93 Dt.07.04.1995, situated at Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk in all measuring East to West 30 ft. and North to South 40 ft. totally 1200 sq. ft. **bounded as under: West By:** Site No.56, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Site No.69, **East By:** Site No.58			
2	47519430000048	1) Mr. Manjunatha Swamy, 2) Mrs. Pushpa.V	17.01.2022 Rs.14,77,815.58 as on 09.01.2022	06.05.2022 4.30 p.m Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and Parcel of the Property Bearing Property No 674. As per Namune-11, Serial No. 1005, Assessment No. 670, As per Namune-9, serious No. 785, House No. 674, Situated At M.G.Road, Sarjapura Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. measuring East to west 23 Feet North to south 22 Feet Total measuring 506Sq.Ft. and **bounded on:- East By:** Vacate Site Of S.Yellappa's, **West By:** Properties of S.K. Venkataramanappa, **North By:** Govt Road, **South By:** Vacate Site Of S.Yellappa's.			

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Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 07.05.2022 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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In a drunken brawl, a 27-year-old daily wager was bludgeoned to death in Yelahanka on Saturday night. The accused Balakrishna alias Bala (19) was arrested soon after the incident. The deceased is Ravi Kiran, a resident of Attur.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

"Greetings from Udupi!"

That was how former minister Pramod Madhwaraj started his resignation letter to KPCC president D K Shivakumar. He resigned from the Congress party's membership and joined the BJP on Saturday. His reason: suffocation over the state of affairs in the Congress Udupi unit for three years, and lack of action by state leadership. Hailing from the illustrious political family of Manorama Madhwaraj, the first woman to become a cabinet minister in Karnataka, and Malpe Madhwaraj, Pramod is expecting to make a mark in the BJP. But netizens have long memories, and remember his tirade against not only the BJP but also PM Modi.

Waiting for Jarkiholi's Monday revelations

When BJP worker Santosh Patil committed suicide in Udupi a few weeks ago, making serious allegations against then minister KS Eshwarappa, a proper political scandal broke out. The Congress immediately demanded penal action against the minister, while BJP leaders rushed to Eshwarappa's support. One such leader was Ramesh Jarkiholi, who met Eshwarappa and informed the waiting media that a "Mahanayaka" who was behind the sleaze sting operation against him, was behind this operation too. He said he would hold a press conference on the coming Monday to reveal everything. Today is the fourth Monday and there is no sign of a revelation.

Mysuru yes, but not in LS constituency

A video of two youths calling 'Kavalande', a village in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru 'Chhota Pakistan', went viral on social media, sparking outrage. Sharing the video on twitter, author and actor Shefali Vaidya tagged Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, expressing shock and asking if it was from Mysuru. The MP, responding to the tweet, confirmed it was Mysuru but clarified that it does not come under Mysuru Lok Sabha constituency, but Chamarajanagar constituency represented by Srinivas Prasad. His tweet, however, implied that he would not allow such incidents in his constituency!!

Leaving caste outside campus gate

Mysuru MP Pratap Shima, known for his controversial statements against the minority community, and political leaders who support the community, urged students and research scholars of University of Mysore to stay away from caste fights. He was delivering a speech during free distribution of laptops to research students by the UoM backward classes forum recently. He said students, whichever caste they belong to, should leave their caste outside campus gates. While his words got applause from dignitaries on stage, including former VC Rangappa, the students were not happy.

In poll year, ministry rejig a tricky affair

Challenge is to shake up the administration a bit and at the same time satisfy all the claimants for positions

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

AS suspense over the much-talked about changes in the government continues, the ruling BJP seems to be facing a tricky situation as it cannot afford to get anything wrong in an election year, especially at a time when the government is facing a flurry of allegations.

The BJP and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai are said to be keen on a major rejig in the ministry to infuse dynamism in the government, by bringing in new faces and utilising the experience of senior leaders to strengthen the party ahead of the 2023 polls. "It is a tricky situation as the number of aspirants is high. They will be looking at a number of aspects, including the likely impact of dropping seniors from the ministry and making them work for the party, and also placating aspirants who will not be accommodated in the ministry," sources said.

The CM and party will be

striving to give adequate representation to all communities and regions, and ensure the right mix of youth and experience in the cabinet. However, the exercise has to be carried out without antagonising those who will be dropped, and suitably accommodating those who fail to make it to the ministry. Bommai is going full throttle in implementing programmes announced in the budget, and will be keen to ensure proper coordination between the party and government, to take state and central government programmes to the people.

Sources in the party said everything has been finalised and CM is said to be waiting for the high command's nod to go ahead with the changes. Currently, five berths in the cabinet are vacant, but the plan is to make major changes and not just go for expansion, sources said. "The CM and central leaders will take the final call," sources added.

Explaining the delicate situation faced by the CM and BJP, political analyst Prof Sandeep Shastri said there is a danger of expanding the cabinet when there are so many claimants. "You have minimal places and many people looking for positions. So, it is always useful to keep the bait and show it around. Once you fill up the positions, how are you going to deal with dissenters?" he said.

The challenge is to shake up the administration a bit ahead of the polls, and at the same time satisfy all the claimants for positions in the government and party. But that is not an easy task, especially as the government is taking a long time to even make appointments to boards and corporations. Sources in the party said the process of making these appointments is on, and over 4,800 people have been appointed to various positions at the taluk level, and state-level appointments will be done soon.

"I see it as a false alarm and don't think the actual biting of the bullet will happen." said Prof Shastri, and had a very pertinent question: "Is the solution more difficult than the problem?"

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Karnataka had sparked speculation about Cabinet rejig

Scores of JDS, Cong workers from HD Kote join BJP

Mysuru: To improve its prospects in the Mysuru region ahead of the Assembly polls, BJP is going all out to poach leaders and workers from other parties. Scores of JDS and Congress leaders and workers from HD Kote joined the saffron brigade in an event held at the BJP office here on Sunday a day after several former MLAs joined the BJP in Bengaluru. BJP leader and Chairman of government-run Jungle Lodges and Resorts Appanna welcomed the new entrants in the presence of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and city BJP unit president Srivatsa. Appanna exuded confidence of winning the HD Kote ST reserved seat if he is fielded from BJP. "I have been in-charge of HD Kote taluk for the last 2 years and visited 34 villages covering 284 booths," he said.

Bommai could turn BJP's fortunes in slippery Old Mysore region

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

WINNING the 2023 elections definitely tops the BJP's agenda today. The party is known to be on slippery ground in Old Mysore, and some party leaders have expressed concern that it doesn't have winning candidates in 90-100 constituencies, where its support base is insignificant.

In such a scenario, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who started his career in the Janata Parivar, could turn the party's fortunes around in this belt. Bommai's long years spent in the Janata Party, under the tutelage of the grand old man of Karnataka politics H D Deve Gowda, appears to be coming in handy. While his father S R Bommai too had served as chief minister, and also as Janata Dal national president, Basavaraj cut his teeth as parliamentary secretary to then chief minister J H Patel. Soon after, he became an MLC and after Deve Gowda demitted office as prime minister, Basavaraj was his shadow and developed deep political insights into the politics of South Karnataka.

It is Basavaraj Bommai's study of Old Mysore which has given him a certain proximity with the JDS leadership, and his familiarity with areas where JDS has a particularly strong presence is helping him chalk out a programme to re-establish BJP rule in 2023. This game plan appears to be the strategy for the party to do well in Old Mysore in the remaining 10 months, and sweep the BJP back to power. He has prepared an elaborate list of areas they need to focus on, called the 'C list'.

Home Minister Amit Shah, president J P Nadda and Gen-Sec Arun Singh have time and again stressed the need to strengthen the BJP here to cross the important 113-mark. Experts say that Old Mysore is one area where even the party's biggest leader from Karnataka, B S Yediyurappa, could not ensure them victory.

Accused in judicial custody, asks media to show his good works

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

THE police produced the PSI CET scam kingpin RD Patil before the court which remanded him in judicial custody after his police custody (CID custody) ended on Sunday in connection with the alleged exam malpractice and manipulation of OMR sheets at Jnana Jyoti English Medium School Centre.

When Patil was being escorted out of the CID office to be produced before the court, he noticed media persons whom he requested to show the good works he has done for the people.

According to sources, Patil's interrogation with regard to the malpractice and manipulation of OMR sheets at Jnana Jyoti English Medium School under the limits of Chowk Police Station has concluded.

The CID sleuths may ask the court to remand him to their custody with regard to the scam at MSI Degree College under the limits of Bazar police station where he is also an accused along with auditor Chandrakant Kulkarni, candidate Prabhu and his father Sharanappa.

Meanwhile, the sleuths took another accused in the scam, Divya Hagaragi, the secretary of Jnana Jyoti English Medium School Centre, to her residence and school for a spot visit on

Prime accused in the PSI CET scam Divya Hagaragi being taken by CID sleuths to her residence and Jnana Jyoti English Medium School on Sunday for a spot visit

Sunday. She has been accused of helping the candidates commit malpractice at Jnana Jyoti English Medium School centre.

It may be recalled here that the Police Commissioner of Kalaburagi had issued a press note on Saturday stating that 11 police personnel, including 2 PSIs (Srishialamma, Najma Sultan), 2 ASIs (Shashikumar and Lata), 4 head constables (Parubai, Jaibhim, Sharanabasappa and Damodhar) and 3 constables (Pradeep, Rajashre and Rudregowda), were suspended on the charges of dereliction in duties, negligence and irresponsibility with regard to PSI CET held at Jnana Jyoti English Medium School and MSI Degree College examination centres.

In judicial custody, accused got salary

Kalaburagi: One of the accused in the PSI CET scam Manjunath Melakundi, who is in CID custody at present, was reportedly getting his salary during his days in judicial custody for another scam. He was arrested on December 20, 2021 for allegedly helping candidates who appeared for CET of Junior Engineers Post in PWD held on December 14. He was in judicial custody for 17 days. At that time, he had withheld information from the police that he was an irrigation department staff. Sources said he is an Assistant Engineer in the Irrigation Department.

19 lakh EVMs missing, alleges senior Cong leader

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WHILE there has been much complaining from many politicians about the fairness of EVMs, a senior Congress leader H K Patil has shot off a letter to the Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, requesting an inquiry into the matter.

Patil who has relied on RTI queries has pointed out that about 19 lakh EVMs are missing and the matter needs to be investigated by a judge of the Supreme Court independently.

He said after diligent inquiries and RTI queries they have realised that in the span of around 15 years the ECI has not received 9,64,270 EVMs that BEL states to have delivered.

Similarly the ECI has also not received 9,29,929 EVMs that ECI affirms to have delivered to it. It also shows that in 2014-15, BEL claims it supplied 62,183 EVMs but the ECI has received none.

He said the issue remains unsolved for the past four years. He has shot off a letter to the Speaker VH Kageri and submitted a document to the election authorities and also attested the RTI responses. Patil informed Speaker Kageri that an explanation would have to be sought from authorities concerned over the issue. He said, "There is also total ambiguity in respect of procedures adopted on movement of EVMs as well as destruction of old and unserviceable EVMs. The unreliable processes and absence of clear accountability of officials in this regard could have a telling effect on the integrity of the process of elections."

Pramod's exit setback for Congress

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

ACCORDING to expectations, former State Fisheries Minister Pramod Madhwaraj has defected to the saffron camp, quitting Congress party where he was once considered a powerful leader.

The switch would not have been difficult for Pramod as he has time and again admired the policies of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government in the past.

In Udupi district Congress unit, he was feeling 'suffocated', he said, which is not without merit. For a long time now, Pramod had been distancing himself from the Congress party affairs. Even State level leaders from that party met him at his residence on the outskirts of the city, while Pramod did not visit the district Congress party office for a long time.

As the State is gearing up for the Assembly elections in about 11 months, BJP appears to be ahead in its preparations in the district. The district unit of the BJP, as per direction from State unit, had submitted its opinion about his inclusion into BJP.

Sources said that the district BJP unit considered Pramod an undisputable leader from the influential Mogaveera community. So his inclusion without any preconditions shall be an advantage for the party.

Pramod's defection will surely have an impact on the Congress party's performance in the district. There appears to be no leader of his stature in Congress. Vocal against Pramod's defection is former MLA U R Sabhapathi, who said that Pramod lacks trustworthiness wherever he goes.

Pramod has an illustrious political family background. His father Malpe Madhwaraj became an MLA from Udupi in 1962. His mother Manorama was Women and Child Welfare Department Minister in 1974. She shifted to BJP and became an MP from Udupi Lok Sabha constituency in 2004. Pramod was active in politics from a young age. He was in the NSUI, the state Youth Congress wing, and led the Udupi block Congress. Now people are curiously waiting to see how he will shape his political career in a new party.

'NEW KARNATAKA'

CM reminds DCs of last year in office

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"I NEED your cooperation to realise my idea of building a new Karnataka." the CM added. Bommai reminded them, "Don't forget this is the last year of the five-year term of the government and the budget implementation is a responsibility that you have to ensure."

He said the district administration plays a crucial role in developing the state. "If the DC and DC's office are proactive, it would make the administration proactive automatically." The DCs should respond to the woes of the people immediately. "Times have changed. People will question your work if you are lax," he warned.

He advised them to prevent irregularities in relief works. "Corruption will not be tolerated. A slow attitude and red tapism will damage the image of the state," he said. DCs should visit offices of tahsildars and additional deputy commissioners at least once a week and ensure that applications or petitions are not pending. They should monitor the stocks of sowing seeds and fertilisers ahead of the sowing season, he said. On the issue of burial grounds, he said the DCs should ensure that land is granted for the purpose in every village.

He advised the officers to increase Covid testing. Genome sequencing is not needed in every case, he said.

CONG CHARGED UP AS 78 LAKH ENROL DIGITALLY

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THE Congress party's digital membership has turned into a morale booster for the grand old party in Karnataka as over 78 lakh people have enrolled which is 30 per cent of the 2.6 crore members across the country for the party and almost 15 per cent of the total electorates, about 5.2 crore in the state.

Through the process, the party has touched almost all the 58,186 booths in 224 Assembly constituencies across the State and over 2.2 lakh party workers were reportedly involved in it with great enthusiasm.

The party, which is struggling

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, KPCC President DK Shivakumar during a protest meeting against fuel price hike

to revive, with senior leader Rahul Gandhi touring Telangana for a couple of days, is likely to use the data to bolster its base, besides strengthening its cadre on the lines of the BJP.

It is also likely to share the data with its election strategists, in the wake of 2024 LS polls, and appointed Sunil Kanugol, who joined AICC unconditionally in March first week, as Karnataka in charge for 2023 assembly polls.

The data collected by visiting doorsteps of the members have been broken up into demographic components like caste, age, gender which will help analyse it in the long run and target the groups with information.

There are about 56 per cent youths aged below 40 and 40 per cent women out of 78 lakh who have enrolled digitally, sources said.

"We will also set up the 12-member committees in each booth and create the WhatsApp groups to share all the area specific information and also about the programmes of the Congress party including the manifesto. The data will help the party strengthen its cadre," remarked Raghunandan Ramanna, chief co-ordinator for the digital membership.

"Karnataka is first in the digital membership followed by Telangana which has over 40 lakh. I do not know how authentic the digital membership of other parties are including the BJP's," he claimed.

FINANCIAL HELP

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje at the launch of national level World Bank assisted "REWARD" programme at GKVK in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot visited Sriparsava Padmavati temple in Kandampatti in Tamil Nadu on Sunday. He arrived in Krishnagiri on Sunday morning to offer prayers and District Revenue Officer S Rajeshwari welcomed him

Even as Asani threatens the eastern coast, day-time temperature in peninsular India continues to range between 35 and 40 degrees Celsius. Here, tourists bathe at Hogenakkal falls of Tamil Nadu to beat the heat | PTI

Asani brews in the bay; AP, Odisha on high alert

Now, a severe cyclonic storm; Fishermen told not to venture into sea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

CYCLONIC storm Asani that has formed over southeast Bay of Bengal intensified into a severe cyclonic storm on Sunday evening and was speeding at 14 kmph in northwest direction.

At 5.30 pm, Sunday, it was centred around 810 km southeast of Visakhapatnam and 880 km south-southeast of Puri in Odisha. Asani, Sinhalese for 'wrath', is the first tropical storm of the year.

An India Meteorological Department (IMD) bulletin predicted the possibility of the cyclone moving northwestwards till May 10 night and reach west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coasts.

It might recurve north-northeastwards without making landfall and move towards northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha before fizzling out. IMD predicted light to moderate rainfall likely at few places with heavy rainfall at isolated places over north coastal Andhra Pradesh on May 10 and 11 under the influence of the severe cyclone. Squally wind, touching 40-50 kmph and gusting to 60 kmph, is likely over coastal north Andhra Pradesh and adjoining coastal districts of Odisha.

According to the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) sea condition is likely to be high to very high over central parts of Bay of Bengal on May 9, and over west central and adjoining northwest and east central Bay on May 10 and 11. Sea condition is likely to become high to very high over northwest Bay of Bengal on May 12.

Fishermen have been advised against venturing into the sea till Thursday (May 12) and those already out in the sea, have been asked to return immediately.

South-interior K'taka to get rain for 5 days

IMD has forecast rainfall over most parts of south-interior Karnataka for the next five days owing to the influence of Cyclone Asani. Parts of Bengaluru on Sunday witnessed rain.

EXPRESS READ

BJP is 'Becho Janata ki Property', says KTR

HYDERABAD: TRS working president and IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao on Sunday used his political humour and sarcasm to attack PM Narendra Modi and the Union government during an interaction with tweeple using the hashtag #AskKTR. In his 90-minute interaction on Twitter, Rao answered several questions right from bad condition of roads in Hyderabad to national politics. When tweeple asked about the sale of LIC by the Central government, Rama Rao replied that BJP means: "B - Becho, J - Janata ki, P - Property". "Modi Hain Tho Mumkin Hain. Welcome to #AchheDin", he said. **ENS**

For BJP, it is nation first, says Annamalai

KGF (KOLAR DISTRICT): Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai on Sunday said that for the saffron party, it is always "nation first." Addressing a gathering in Kolar Gold Fields, Annamalai, a former IPS officer, said the BJP is interested only in the nation's development. "Our (BJP) ideology is nation first. The Congress is making baseless allegations that BJP promotes only Hindutva," Annamalai said. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi travels abroad and signs various deals with other countries for India's development. Whereas, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was recently seen at a party in Nepal," he added. **ENS**

US-returned couple murdered by driver

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A day after the double murder in Mylapore, Chennai police recovered 1,000 sovereigns of gold jewellery, 50 kg of silver articles, two mobile phones and a four-wheeler worth ₹5 crore from the accused — Padamlal Krishna (45) of Nepal and Ravi Rai (39) of West Bengal. Addressing the media on Sunday, N Kannan, Additional Commissioner of Police (South), Chennai, said the accused had planned the murders and even dug up pits to bury the bodies of Srikanth (60) and Anuradha (55), at their farmhouse near Mamallapuram. On Sunday evening, the bodies were exhumed.

The accused were arrested near Ongole on Saturday night with the help of Andhra Police and brought to Chennai. During questioning, Krishna said he was the son of a security guard at the farmhouse. His father has been working for the family for more than two decades. Krishna, who was a driver by profession, acted as Srikanth's driver whenever needed.

On Saturday morning, Srikanth and Anuradha returned to Chennai after visiting their son Shashwanth and daughter Sunandha in the US. After landing in Chennai, they informed their son that Krishna had come to pick them up. After some time, when Shashwanth tried to reach his father's mobile, it was switched off. He then called Krishna, who informed him that his parents had reached home and were resting. Unable to reach his parents, Shaswanth called Krishna again. This time, Krishna was giving him evasive answers and Shashwanth called a relative and told him to check.

A strong disinfectant smell welcomed the relative and he realised that there was no one in the house and lodged a complaint against Krishna, with Mylapore police. The ACP said Krishna allegedly overheard Srikanth talking about a property sale worth ₹40 crore recently. He then began hatching a plan to steal the money, but since he did not have the locker key, Krishnan had to wait for the couple's return.

Tatas set up vocational training centre

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THIRUMANI hobli in Pavagada taluk, which is home to Asia's largest Solar Park, has now witnessed the launch of a new project 'Roshni', which aims at training unemployed youth of the region. Five years ago, local farmers had given up their lands to the Solar Park and many companies established renewable energy plants to generate electricity. 'Roshni' is the initiative of Tata Power Renewable Energy.

In collaboration with Siddhartha Construction Company, it has opened a Vocational Skill Development Centre at Thirumani, as part of the CSR of TPREL-TATA POWER, run by Lok Bharathi Education Society, under the aegis of the National Skill Development Corporation. The training offered include tailoring, handicraft design and cellphone repair. Nani from Siddhartha Construction Company, who inaugurated the vocational training centre, said he was hopeful that the issue of unemployment in the region will be addressed. Initially, the centre focussed on training women in sewing and embroidery in 45 days. The women who complete the training are given sewing machines and a certificate. In the coming years, Tata Power plans to start other courses such as computer hardware and networking for the unemployed men.

Women at the vocational training centre at Thirumani in Tumakuru district

9 killed, 16 injured as lorry hits mini truck

ENS @ Kamareddy (Telangana)

NINE persons, including six women, died and 16 others were injured when a lorry hit a Tata Ace at Hasanpally gate near Boggu Gudesa in Nizamsagar nandal on Sunday.

The deceased are Lachavva, 35, Veeramani , 35, Lachavva, 60, Sayavva, 38, Sailu, 35, Ellaiah, 53, Poshaiah, 60, Gangavva, 45, and Veeravva, 70. All the victims belongs to Chillargi village of Pitlam Mandal.

The mishap occurred when family members of one Manikyam of Chillargi village, who died recently, attended his final rituals on Sunday and headed to Yellareddy to visit the weekly market. On their way back, a lorry proceeding towards Yellareddy from Banswada hit their Tata Ace. At the time of mishap, there were 26 people in the mini truck.

Naidu: Andhra govt can only demolish, not build anything

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TELUGU Desam Party (TDP) chief and Opposition Leader N Chandrababu Naidu asserted that the Jagan government was capable only to demolish but not to construct anything in Andhra Pradesh.

The Jagan regime had proved again and again its destructive mindset in the past three years, he said. The ruling YSRC leaders were deriving diabolical pleasure by demolishing even the houses of Dalits, the former CM claimed, while condemning the demolition of the house of a Dalit named Hanumantha at Nijavalli of Anantapur.

It was shocking that the YSRCP MLA, RDO, revenue and police officials literally declared a war to demolish a house to throw a poor Dalit family on the road, the TDP supremo added.

Few delivered at gates of the prison

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SOME of have had miscarriages, some premature deliveries, and few have even delivered at the gates of the prison. Narrating her story, Soumya (name changed) who is out on parole told *TNIE*, "I got pregnant with my second baby when my second husband, who is also in prison for the same crime, and I were out on parole." When she returned, she was totally unprepared for the pregnancy inside the prison. "I have been in prison for the last three-and-a-half years. But, when I got to know I was pregnant, I felt lonely and terrified. I tried my best to keep myself calm and adjust there. The tension and environment there couldn't stop me from being anxious," she says.

Unfortunately, three-and-a-half months into her pregnancy, Soumya had a miscarriage on February 24. There are 206 women prisoners and seven children below six years at the Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara. Twenty women, including transgenders, from various states are housed in one room with no raised beds or cots. "Till the seventh month of our pregnancy, we have to sleep on the floor. In the eighth month, depending on the availability of beds inside the hospital area of the prison, we can use cots," says Chaya (name changed) from Sindhanoor, charged with murder, who was six months pregnant with her first child when she was sentenced for the crime. In just two weeks, Chaya developed a severe pain and had to be immediately shifted to hospital.

She collapsed and was unconscious for almost 10 days. She delivered a premature baby girl weighing less than 1 kg.

While sleeping on the floor is one problem for pregnant women, the food served to them, though officials call it "nutritious", is unpalatable, she says. "We give them the food that is prescribed in the prison manual as per Supreme Court guidelines. We don't limit the quantity. We do serve eggs, vegetables, green leaves, fruits and legumes to them," said a senior official from Bengaluru prisons. However, Soumya explains that children in the prison are given extra care and the food given to them is more nutritious and healthy. But for pregnant women, it is mostly the same food that is served to other prisoners. "We can choose from food sent for children, which includes legumes and sambar with veggies. Almost every other day, we are given green gram curry, which normally nauseates pregnant women," says Soumya. Mothers who have recently delivered say it would be better if pregnant women are at least given good, tasty food once a week. Women who are from slightly affluent families can get their caretakers to send them fruits and other items. But there are many who come from poor financial backgrounds.

"Women behind bars are looked at in a demeaning way. Our families don't care for us. During pregnancy, there are severe mood swings. Sense of loneliness and guilt haunts us. There are a few who can't afford any fruit or dish from home. It would really help if we are given fruits on a daily basis," says a woman prisoner, who delivered recently.

Pramila Nesargi, former Women's Commission chairperson, says, "Women inmates need access to a gynaecologist. Many inmates are living with children under the age of six so they need access to paediatricians as well as vaccines for their kids. Women also get isolated from their families far more than men do. They need access to mental health professionals for counselling, too. This was suggested many years ago." While the prison has appointed five counselors and for routine health checks, they are sent to gynaecologists, women prisoners demand that they should have an in-house gynaecologist to attend to emergencies.

For instance, Aaina, charged with kidnapping, developed pains in the middle of the night in October last year. The prison staff struggled to get an ambulance and shift her to a hospital, and she delivered right at the gates of the prison. The prison staff and the lady doctor, however, managed to deliver a healthy baby boy.

Prison officials say there has been a proposal for tying up with Oxford Medical College in Attibele to send specialists – orthopaedics, gynaecologists, paediatricians and a cardiologist at least twice a week to the prison. As of now, the prisoners are sent to Vani Vilas Hospital in KR Market for delivery and medical check-ups. Prison authorities are aware of the situation, but claim helplessness in providing special provisions like cots, food choices, separate rooms for post delivery and pregnant women. Women in rooms upstairs have to come all the way to the common tap outside the hospital to take a bucket of hot water. The rooms have two toilets which get water 24/7, but it is only cold water.

"During pregnancy, we have to depend on someone to fetch hot water for us. Only after the seventh month, can we move to rooms downstairs or to the hospital if there is a bed. Till then, many women have to fill water from the tap near the hospital room which gets hot water through solar," said a woman prisoner.

Prison officials told *TNIE*, "We are trying our best to keep them comfortable. But we are also helpless. Once we move to the new premises, which is exclusively for women, we can afford to keep rooms separate for new mothers and pregnant women."

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DSU Announces DSAT for Aspiring Engineers

Dayananda Sagar University recently announced Merit Scholarship (DSAT) for Aspiring Future Engineers to fulfil their dream career.

Since 2014, DSU has offered merit scholarships through DSAT (Dayananda Sagar University Scholarship Admission Test) to give emerging talents the opportunity to get into a prominent university and pursue a bright career.

For the academic year 2022-23, the University is honouring this most coveted merit scholarship admission test for the distinguished students pursuing their career in the Engineering field. An overall scholarship to a tune of Rs.4 crores will be offered to the first 800 elite students who clear the threshold score of the scholarship exams & wish to enrol in the B. Tech programs at DSU.

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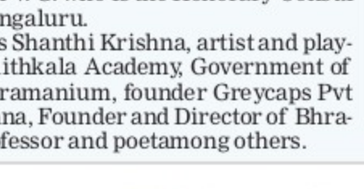
Secure your scholarship seat before 15th May 2022.

Date|Timings|Mode of Scholarship Exam:

May 21st, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | May 22nd, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Home Based Proctored Test.

Ramaiah Institute of Tech. Organises ICRITCSA-2022

The Department of Master of Computer Applications, Ramaiah Institute of Technology, recently organised the AICTE sponsored 3rd International Conference on Recent Innovation Trends in Computer Science and Applications (ICRITCSA – 2022). The theme of the conference was Data Engineering and its Applications.



Ganesh Kalyanaraman, Chief Guest, Senior VP, Cognizant, Chennai inaugurates the conference. Also seen are Tomonori Sekiguchi, Chief Guest, CEO and President, WooGway, Japan and Dr. N.V.R Naidu, Principal, RIT.

The conference aimed to provide an opportunity for academicians, researchers, scientists and industry experts engaged in teaching, research and development. The conference provided an opportunity to the researches a platform to present, discuss innovative ideas and share their views in the field of computer science and its applications.

The chief guests were Ganesh Kalyanaraman, Senior VP, Cognizant, Chennai, and Tomonori Sekiguchi, CEO and President, WooGway, Japan.

Garden City University Awards Garden City Puraskar

The School of Indian and Foreign Languages at Garden City University hosted the 11th Anniversary of Garden City Puraskar recently. The event witnessed awarding of nine renowned personalities, eminent leaders, motivational speakers, artists par excellence, renowned personalities who were nominated through a three-tier process and were awarded the prestigious Garden City Puraskar. The Garden Puraskar is being hosted by different departments every week. Students, as part of their learning experience take part in the selection process by identifying an exhaustive list of celebrated dignitaries from their respective field of study. In the second step they prepare profiles of the best nominations and send them across to the panel to decide on the final awardee list.

The event was graced by the Chancellor of Garden City University, Dr Joseph V. G. who is the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Maldives in Bengaluru.

The awardee list included famous actress Shanthi Krishna, artist and playwright and Former President of State Lalithkala Academy, Government of Karnataka, Dr M S Murthy, Giri Balasubramanium, founder Greycaps Pvt Ltd, Samhita Arni, novelist, Sneha Kappanna, Founder and Director of Bhramari Dance Repertoire, Dr T Yellappa, Professor and poetamong others.

IIPM Begins Tea Tasting & Mktg. Prog.

The Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bengaluru, has started a professional certificate programme on tea tasting and marketing (PCP-TTM).

The unique training programme is aimed at imparting professional skills in the field of tea tasting, blending and marketing. The programme is being attended by participants from India and countries such as Mexico and France.

The programme was inaugurated by the IIPMB Director, Prof Rakesh Mohan. Joshi emphasised on the superior taste of Darjeeling Tea, which fetches a price of $300-500 per kg in the international market, wherein the Indian tea cultivators get merely $5-10 per kg. "This calls for an urgent need for professionalising the entire value chain right from cultivation to marketing wherein IIPM plays critical role," he said.

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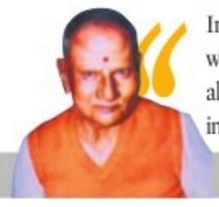

In dream you love some and not others. On waking up you find you are love itself, embracing all. Personal love, however intense and genuine, invariably binds; love in freedom is love of all

Nisargadatta Maharaj

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— Ramnath Goenka

METHOD BEHIND THE THREE-STATE ARREST MADNESS

The Punjab-Delhi-Haryana circus involving the arrest and release of BJP leader Tajender Singh Bagga falls into the familiar pattern of the police force bending over backwards to please their political masters. It showed the ruling AAP in Punjab is no different at throttling dissent than all the other ruling parties it rails against, including the BJP. If that facet of the party's intolerance was not as visible earlier, it was because the AAP doesn't have control over the police force in Delhi where it has been in power for less than a decade. Ever since it stormed to power in Punjab, AAP founder and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been accused of using the state's police as the enforcement arm he never got to exercise till then, to smack down opponents. Like he sent a Punjab Police team to the Delhi residence of erstwhile ranking AAP leader and acclaimed poet Kumar Vishwas to intimidate him. Another former AAP leader Alka Lamba got a Punjab Police knock on her door in Delhi for identical reasons.

Compare these actions with the recent arrest of outspoken Gujarat lawmaker Jignesh Mevani by the Assam Police for critiquing the Centre. Or the raid raj of Central enforcement agencies for alleged economic offences whenever elections are around the corner. Are they any different? The arrest of the Ranas in Maharashtra over loudspeaker noise pollution and their Hanuman Chalisa challenge, with the police threatening to invoke sedition charges against them, too, mirrors the misuse of the law enforcement agency to serve political goals. The way the Punjab Police treated Bagga like a petty criminal, bundling him into a vehicle without an arrest warrant and refusing to give the Sikh leader time to even wear his turban and put on his slippers, is reminiscent of its brutal repression during the days of militancy. In the process, they made a rabble-rousing political small fry a household name in the country.

It's appalling that Kejriwal is replicating all the bad examples of vendetta politics. That free speech and democracy are coterminous is axiomatic. Free speech is not just about tolerating criticism but also respecting it. Unfortunately, it's that hallowed space that is shrinking steadily and corroding democracy in the country.

ADDRESSING T'GANA'S PADDY PROBLEM

The rabi paddy conundrum continues to haunt Telangana. After the Centre had made no bones about its inability to procure parboiled rice, the state is getting ready to produce raw rice from rabi paddy. The catch here is that a large portion of such rice gets broken.

Rabi paddy has remained an emotive issue for the last two years in the state. Both the TRS and BJP have traded charges over the problem spiralling out of control. Last year, the FCI procured piled-up parboiled rice only after the state gave in writing to the Centre that it would not offer it in future. Last month, Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao sat in a dharna in Delhi, asking the Centre to procure parboiled rice despite the state's earlier promise. The Centre later said it would procure 40 lakh tonnes of raw rice from rabi paddy but not parboiled rice. The state expects rabi paddy yield to be about 65 lakh tonnes. Meanwhile, the cloudburst in the state last Wednesday damaged paddy at several procurement centres, heaping losses on farmers.

Normally, 100 kg of kharif paddy yields 67 kg of raw rice. In the case of rabi paddy, of the 67 kg, 34 kg would break into pieces at the time of milling. Of this, the FCI is ready to take up to 17 kg of broken rice per quintal; this leaves another 17 kg with the millers, which they can sell at ₹17–18 per kg. If the miller suffers any loss in selling broken rice, both the governments could chip in to help him. As rabi paddy is going to be a recurring problem, both the Centre and state should sit together and hammer out a solution instead of blaming each other to score brownie points with the farmers. Better still, Telangana should take a hard look at substituting rabi paddy with alternative crops and ensure a good price to get the farmers interested in them.

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INDIA-UK TIES AND A SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL FUTURE

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The year 2022 is significant for both India and the UK as our country commemorates the 75th anniversary of its Independence and the two celebrate 75 years of bilateral ties. India-UK relations were elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2021, based on a shared commitment towards democracy, fundamental freedoms and multilateralism, and the recent visit of Boris Johnson, prime minister of the United Kingdom, further strengthened the ties.

During the visit, both nations recognised the need to focus on sustained economic recovery and work towards building resilience and trusted partnerships to assuage any external disruptions, thus building towards a Vision 2047 for shared security and prosperity for their people and the world.

India-UK economic partnership: Today, India has become a major economic power and is a highly valued strategic partner for the UK. The discussions and agreements during the visit covered a plethora of matters ranging from job creation and economic growth to energy security and defence.

In FY 2021–22, India's exports to the UK stood at $9.43 billion, while imports aggregated $6.58 billion. India's main exports to the UK include ready-made garments and textiles, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, petroleum products, transport equipment, spices, pharmaceuticals and marine products.

Imports from Britain include precious and semi-precious stones, ores and metal scraps, engineering goods, chemicals and machinery. In the services sector, the UK is the largest market in Europe for Indian IT services.

Similarly, investments are robust in both directions, with Indian companies as the largest and fastest-growing overseas investors in the UK. As per the CII-Grant Thornton report titled 'Britain Meets India' tracker 2021, there are 572 British companies in India. The 'India meets UK' Report 2021 shows a record 850 Indian companies operating in Britain, with combined revenues of almost £50.8 billion and employing 1,16,046 people.

Areas of collaboration: The meetings between the heads of the two countries included a significant economic component related to climate change, trade, defence and healthcare that will drive the future partnership. The CII envisions new-age partnerships across emerging sectors for the private industries of both countries, building on the overall economic framework emerging from this landmark visit.

First, India-UK climate collaboration revolves around strengthening partnership in R&D of cutting-edge technologies and the transfer of proven tech to drive low carbon pathways. Such partnerships also provide opportunities for the private sector in developing technologies, climate finance and nature-based solutions to deliver concrete actions for achieving the 2030 nationally determined contributions.

With the UK leading in the development of both blue and green hydrogen capability and India also having launched the National Hydrogen Policy, there is huge potential to curate a new global alliance on hydrogen led by India with the collaboration of other countries and support of businesses.

The two countries launched the Climate Finance Leadership Initiative (CFLI) in September 2021 to support climate and green energy projects in India. The CFLI is responsible for $6.2 trillion in assets and aims to create investment-friendly business environments and robust pipelines of bankable sustainable infrastructure opportunities in emerging markets. These investments aim to support India's target of 450 GW renewable energy by 2030. Many industry titans are a part of the CFLI and this provides a great opportunity to extend this platform to other leading Indian businesses, especially MSMEs, to support the accelerating climate action.

Two, defence and security also form key elements of the India-UK partnership, with special focus on R&D and joint industrial cooperation to develop advanced defence capabilities. Strengthening collaboration in tackling new threats in the cyber, space, counter-terrorism and maritime domains adds to the economic partnership

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Three, India and the UK also share an enhanced partnership in science, tech, education, research and innovation. Promoting collaboration in Artificial Intelligence (AI), the two countries together aim to deliver economic and social benefits to both nations. This calls for closer engagement between the higher education sectors and furthering of transnational education programmes in both countries.

Benefits of the India-UK FTA: Four, the launch of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations in January 2022 is a historic development to unlock the full potential of the trade and commercial relationship, boosting jobs, investment and exports for large sectors such as textiles, leather goods, and footwear. The agreements that were signed at the beginning of the year, aim to achieve up to 65 % of coverage for goods and up to 40% coverage for services. By the end of the final agreement in October 2022, the coverage for goods is expected to increase to more than 90%.

Areas of opportunity: The FTA is the most exciting feature of the rapidly developing economic partnership as the reduction in tariffs and non-tariff barriers will facilitate increased competitiveness in industries like automobiles and pharmaceuticals. The trade expansion will create investment and employment potential in both countries.

The pharma sector is likely to be amongst the fastest growing sectors, as both countries have huge investments in place. Also, the communication and technology sector offers significant opportunities for UK exporters to tap into the Indian market. The agreements will give further impetus to the textile industry and the IT sector.

The FTA will provide India with an opportunity to increase its share of exports in categories like fashion, homeware, furniture, and electrical and general industrial machinery. Strategic sectors of defence, cybersecurity, R&D and healthcare where the UK has been a strong player would benefit as well.

In addition, India being a tech giant and home to one of the world's leading start-up ecosystems facilitates greater access for the UK market and also provides Britain with a much wider spectrum in the Indo-Pacific region.

The road ahead: The UK and India have established the Science and Innovation Council in 2010 to jointly undertake scientific projects. The two countries can be partners in innovation. For the Indian side, collaborations in innovations for low-cost goods and services could help address emerging middle class consumers as well as foster technology transfer.

Looking ahead, India will be central to the world's development in the next 25 years and the recent visit of the UK prime minister ensures that bilateral ties will play a key role in a sustainable global future.

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EARLY INDIC VISIONS OF HISTORY – III

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Against the entrenched colonial bias that early Indians did not write history, this series seeks to understand Indic visions and methods of history in their own right. It does so in two ways: (a) by surveying the range of evidence available of early Indian societies displaying a distinct regard for time-keeping and chronicling events for posterity, and (b) by questioning the Positivist Eurocentric basis on which the modern discipline of history has come to exclude traditional Indic modes of narrating the past.

Among regional histories, the 12th century *Rajatarangini* (RT) stands tall. It gives a continuous chronology for early Kashmir, using traditional Indic calendars, such as *kaliyuga* and *shaka samvat*, to record the reign of every monarch of every dynasty that ruled the land. It also recounts a host of events that occurred during these regimes, and their policies, deeds and struggles, and explores a range of historical causes and explanations for them. Interestingly, the poet, Kalhana, claims to have consulted local land grant inscriptions (*shashana*), and older texts, to write his history, thus giving insight into the sources and techniques of the practice.

One of the outstanding features of the RT is that it begins with a prolegomenon clearly stating its purpose (*prayojana*) and philosophy. Kalhana states that "shedding both attachment and aversion, the voice of the poet should be unwavering when recounting matters of the past" (I.7). Modern scholars have read this as a statement recognising objectivity as a virtue in a historian. It is worth noting, however, that Kalhana presents this as a poetic virtue and, as Walter Slaje argued, it may refer to the state of equipoise (*shanta rasa*) that Sanskrit poetics of the time recommended and which Kalhana adopted.

While most scholarship on the RT has valorised its empiricist qualities, like deference to chronology, 'objectivity' and causality, in my book *The Making of Early Kashmir*, I have drawn attention to its poetic and figurative aspects as enunciating a historicality deeply charged with culturally specific meanings. The RT was, after all, classic epic poetry (*mahakavya*), and according to tradition, the poet (*kavi*) was a seer (*rishi*), who possessed omniscience and divine sight (*divyadrishti*). With these powers, which arose from intuition (*pratibha*), they could gauge the real nature of things and even apprehend different dimensions of time.

Thus Kalhana says: "Who else is capable of making visible (*pratyakshatam*) bygone times except the poet-creator who can make delightful productions (*ramyanirmana*)?" (I.4). Here is an explicit Indic belief in the poet's creative ability to make the unobservable past perceptible—the quintessentially historical function. This claim to epistemic authority, however conventional, rendered such poetry the lamp that illuminates past realities (*kavyadipam bhutavastuprakashakam*), as Kalhana's successor Shrivara put it.

Significantly, however, *kavya's* vision of history was inflected by a didactic mandate to provide instruction (*upadesha*) on a range of human affairs, like *dharma* (piety), *artha* (power) and *kama* (pleasure). For the RT, the area of instruction was specifically political morality (*rajadharma*) with the aim of ensuring social order and people's welfare (*prajanupalanam*). Accordingly, the primary enterprise of the RT was not merely penning a factual record of Kashmir's past but representation of the Valley as a discursive political space infused with ethics.

Modern historians have tended to regard myth with consternation, believing the mythic to be always fictive and false rather than a society's meaningful rendition of truth claims. However, as Paul Veyne observed, myth is not about the 'real' as truth, but about what was noble as truth

Thus, kingship in the RT is evaluated according to certain principles: good conduct (*sat*), righteousness, generosity/liberality (*dakshinya*), discriminating intellect (*sarasaraviveka*) which encouraged men of merit, character and learning, and the will to enforce justice (*dharma*) and ensure absence of fear (*abhaya*) among subjects. These constituted the personal and political values to which the sovereign's commitment was expected in the early Indic vision.

Then, these values were plotted through a series of exemplars that Kalhana identified in Kashmir's kings, clubbing them in pairs elucidating their comparative morality (good vs. bad rulers). Thus, the entire '*River of Kings*' can be understood as a flow of ethical figures, in which didactic and historical functions coalesced. This in turn meant that truths in the RT were both transcendent, in invoking higher ethical ends, and contingent in so far as they were located in a real historical past.

What's more, myth and popular memory were used to further this ethico-political vision of history. Modern historians have tended to regard myth with consternation, believing the mythic to be always fictive and false rather than a society's meaningful rendition of truth claims. However, as Paul Veyne observed, myth is not about the 'real' as truth, but about what was noble as truth and even beautiful.

Indeed, myths in the RT based on local Kashmiri legends about wrongdoing kings and their cities catastrophically destroyed by the anger of tutelary deities (*nagas*), or about the origins of the land of Kashmir in an act of the great Gods—display precisely such a meaning and function in this ethicised commentary. Far from being a lapse in critical judgement, then, the inclusion of myths was crucial in the text's scheme of things. By sanctifying the land and warning unrighteous social actors about the consequences of their actions, it provided the synergistic background for the unveiling of ethical governance, which seems to have been the larger purpose of composing the RT, as I have argued.

Thus our ancient historical traditions span a wide variety, from the highly precise and factual, like the public epigraphs, to the ethical and didactic, like the literary representations of human history as a laboratory of *dharma* and *karma*. The sacred and the profane, the transcendent and the contingent, were intertwined in this understanding. Rather than inflict inapt colonial parameters, Indic history-writing is best grasped in this larger sense, sensitive to the culturally specific functions this civilisation assigned the genre.

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India's multiculturalism

When the country is witnessing communal flare-ups in different states with the opposition and the ruling parties engaged in blame games, the gesture of the Muslim community in Shirdi, who have said that they have no objection to the prayers relayed through loudspeakers in the Sai Baba temple, is praiseworthy. The statement by the Jama Masjid Trust to the police that both the Hindu and Muslim communities live peacefully and that they participate in Hindu festivals demonstrates our country's multiculturalism. It is a message to politicians who always have an eye on their vote banks.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Don't impose Hindi

This is with reference to *A language to disrupt India?* (May 8). It is unfortunate that a minister from Uttar Pradesh asked those who did not speak Hindi to leave India. Equally hurtful is the suggestion of the Union home minister to make Hindi the link language between different linguistic communities. As the author has said, "The more Hindiwallas promote Hindi with their one-eyed view, the more anti-Hindi sentiments develop in the country". Instead of imposing Hindi on others, the authorities concerned can think of other ways to persuade people to learn the language. Further, Hindi-speaking people should try to learn some regional language so that they can easily understand the problems of others.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

TN U-turn welcome

The Tamil Nadu government's decision to backtrack on the *Pattina Pravesam* issue in the face of stiff opposition from various Hindu outfits, political parties aside, is quite welcome. That this has happened to a matha that has fostered Tamil and Saiva doctrines for centuries is unfortunate. The time has come for the present dispensation to mend its old ways and realise that Hindus can't be taken for a ride.

G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Power from waste

Many states have suffered due to power shortage this year. So governments impose power cuts during summer and people suffer. It is not a surprise that governments are looking for alternative sources of power. There is a plant in Guntur producing 15 MW from waste. A similar plant in Vizag has been able to produce fewer units since it has been running short of waste. Measures should be taken to ensure it gets enough input for it to work at full capacity.

Poornima G, Guntur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis

Industry & investment gets a direct magnet where world class quality of human resources exist & that is the vision of our great hardworking Hon PM.

Capt. Amarinder Singh @capt_amarinder

Strongly condemn the act of putting up Khalistan flags at the gate of HP Vidhan Sabha. These acts are fringe elements trying to disturb peace of country.

Deepender S Hooda @DeependerSHooda

Liquor became cheap, petrol-diesel-gas become expensive. Get electricity for 5 hours, but liquor will be available 24 hours. This is the program released by BJP-JJP in public 'hart'.

GOOD, LORD! CENTRE IN DEFENCE OF SEDITION LAW

The colonial-era law, universally seen as draconian, has come up before the Supreme Court. The Centre has argued that it's a good law and the only point to ponder is how to prevent its misuse

- Defending the colonial-era sedition law, the Centre has told the Supreme Court that the five-judge Constitution Bench verdict in **1962 Kedar Nath Singh vs State of Bihar** upholding the validity of IPC Section 124A is a good law and needs no reconsideration
- The Supreme Court is hearing a bunch of petitions seeking scrapping of the law in view of its rampant abuse by the governments with the aim to **harass and silence** critics
- As many as three Supreme Court benches have also recently underscored the need to review **Section 124A**
- Solicitor General **Tushar Mehta** told the court that instances of abuse of the law would be no justification to re-examine the law reconsideration
- The remedy lies in preventing such abuse on a case-to-case basis rather than doubting a long-standing settled law declared by a constitution bench for about six decades, the SG argued
- The **1962 verdict** had upheld the constitutional validity of Section 124A from the perspective of all constitutional principles, including the test of **Article 14, 19 and 21,** contained in Part III of the constitution, Mehta submitted before a three-judge bench
- A bench headed by **Chief Justice N V Ramana** and comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli will hear arguments on May 10 on the legal question of whether the pleas challenging the sedition law be referred to a larger bench for reconsidering the **1962 verdict**

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which is commonly referred to as the sedition law, defines sedition as an offence committed when "any person by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India"

Disaffection includes disloyalty and all feelings of enmity

Comments expressing disapprobation of the measures and administrative or other actions of the government with a view to obtain their alteration by lawful means, without exciting or attempting to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection, do not constitute an offence under this section

It is a non-bailable offence and punishment ranges from three- year imprisonment to life sentence and/or fine

COLONIAL HISTORY

DRAFTING OF SEDITION LAW

The crime of sedition first found mention in the draft Indian Penal Code of 1837, which provided that anyone , through his/her speech or writing, attempts to **"excite feelings of disaffection"** towards the government in the territories of the East India Company would be punished with banishment for life or three-year jail sentence

The draft code became a **law in 1860,** after the 1857 war of Independence, but the clause related to sedition was included 10 years later by the insertion of Section 124A in the IPC.

USED AGAINST FREEDOM STRUGGLE STALWARTS

In 1897, **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** became the first political personality to be persecuted under the sedition law for his writing and speeches

Mahatma Gandhi was tried under Section 124A in 1922; Bhagat Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and many others also faces sedition charge and remained defiant

AVIATION

DGCA conducts night checks of aircraft to ensure airworthiness

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

WITH instances ranging from poor upkeep of aircraft interiors to passenger injuries on airborne flights bringing the aviation sector under focus for wrong reasons, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has initiated night checks of stationary planes.

"We are carrying out night checks as part of our routine surveillance work. The focus is to get things right and not permit an aircraft with safety issues to fly," DGCA Arun Kumar told *TNIE*.

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>
> Arun Kumar, Director General of Civil Aviation

The aircraft that would be under the scanner are the ones that have been in service for long. The checks are aimed at ensuring that the fitness levels of these aircraft continue to be high to maintain their airworthiness.

A spate of incidents has been reported in the recent past, prompting the aviation regulator to initiate the safety checks. Last month, a passenger on board an Air India flight tweeted about the aircraft's shabby interiors, which included a broken armrest. The DGCA pulled up the airline, following which the requisite repairs were done.

SpiceJet has been in the news, too. Recently, 17 passengers suffered injuries during its Mumbai-Durgapur flight after a major turbulence and some had to be taken to a hospital on landing. Another SpiceJet aircraft had to make an emergency landing within five minutes of takeoff from Chennai airport as its engine stopped working. This B737 Max aircraft was subsequently grounded and DGCA has asked the airline to conduct thorough checks. The entire fleet of aircraft operated by SpiceJet is being investigated.

The DGCA has asked the airlines to ensure good upkeep of the interiors of the aircraft too. Airlines with an older fleet will be under the scanner. The regulator wants to ensure that passengers fly in aircraft that not just have well-maintained interiors but are also safe to operate.

Punjab aims to free 5K acres of encroached land by May 31

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FACED with rampant encroachment of public lands in Punjab, the state government has set an ambitious target of freeing up at least 5,000 acres by May 31.

According to data with the rural development and panchayat department, around 18,000 acres of public land, also known as panchayat land, worth crores of rupees have been illegally occupied by influential people including politicians, bureaucrats and police officials.

The government has been trying to free these lands of encroachments but could get just 287 acres back so far.

Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal said following directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, he has set a target for officials to vacate encroachments from 5,000 acres by May 31 under a special drive in the first phase. He added that the state government is committed to remove encroachments from all panchayat lands and this would be done without any discrimination. Dhaliwal said the report of Justice Kuldip Singh would be examined and appropriate action would be taken.

Encroachments are highest in Jalandhar, Mohali and Patiala districts.

Talking to this newspaper, director, rural development and panchayats, Gurpreet Singh Khaira said the data of illegally occupied land is being updated and as of now they have found approximately 18,000 acres. "We are handling this with an iron hand and will take back possession of encroached lands as soon as possible. After we started examining the matter on case-to-case basis, many people who have taken illegal possession of lands got stay orders from courts. As of now, warrants for possession of 5,000 acres have been procured and 287 acres of land across the state have been taken back," said Khaira.

Sources said influential persons, including politicians, bureaucrats and police officials, were the main beneficiaries of illegal sale of encroached land. A report by former Supreme Court judge Justice Kuldip Singh had named several politicians, police officers and bureaucrats in connection with land-grabbing. A few days back the rural development department had freed 29 acres at Abhipur village in Mohali district, near Chandigarh.

Influential men among land-grabbers

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POWER GAMES

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MEETING NITISH HALFWAY

PM RUSHES PRADHAN TO PREVENT BJP-JD(U) SPLIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi got on phone while he was on his European tour and asked trusted lieutenant Dharmendra Pradhan to rush to Patna to stop Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar from taking any step that may rupture relation between the BJP and the JD(U) and cause the fall of Bihar government which the two parties are jointly running. Sources said that the Prime Minister received reports that the Chief Minister was fed up with the BJP's brinkmanship and was contemplating dumping the party and reuniting with Lalu Yadav's RJD. Reports suggested that the fall of the JD(U)-BJP government was imminent. Pradhan reached Nitish's house late in the evening and remained closeted with him for two hours. Nitish reportedly told Pradhan to ask his leaders to rein in Bhupendra Yadav, who looks after BJP's affairs in Bihar, and the Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai. He narrated a series of events and statements that undermined his position as the Chief Minister. Pradhan promised every support to the CM and requested him not to take any precipitate action. The trouble between partners seems to have temporarily been overcome. But the strain in the relationship remains. Sources in the BJP said the party has been asked to make every effort to keep Nitish in the NDA fold as he remains critical to Modi's re-election in 2024, especially after the departure of Shiv Sena from the NDA.

BJP EYES HEMANT OUSTER

GURUJI SET FOR SECOND COMING IN JHARKHAND

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren is locked in a bitter battle with the opposition BJP. Accusing Soren of giving a mining lease to himself, the BJP has sought his disqualification as an MLA for holding an office of profit while being a legislator. Taking cognizance of BJP's complaint, the Election Commission has issued a show-cause notice to Hemant asking him why he should not be disqualified as his act of allotting the mining lease to himself violated Section 9A of the Representation of People's Act. Hemant's legal team is engaged with the EC. But sources said Hemant's trouble with the poll panel is not the main problem the CM is facing. It is the BJP's campaign that the chief minister's disqualification is only a matter of time, and the nervousness this campaign is causing among MLAs of his party and those of his ally Congress. The BJP has been trying to poach the ruling JMM and Congress MLAs and form its own government in the state. Hemant's misadventure has made the BJP intensify its efforts to oust him. But the CM has reportedly been keeping in close touch with all the MLAs supporting him. He has termed the mine leasing issue a storm in a teacup and has assured the ruling coalition members that his government was safe. The CM has assures his partymen and allies that he would get his father Shibu Soren to take over as CM but would not let the government fall.

AIRCRAFT DEAL DELAY

BOEING CHIEF COMES CALLING AS INDIA CRACKS WHIP

Boeing CEO Dave Calhoun called on PM Narendra Modi on Saturday. The ostensible reason for Calhoun's India trip is to sell six more P-8I long range maritime patrol aircraft to the Indian Navy. India has already bought 12 P-8Is from Boeing worth over US$3 billion. Sources said the real reason is the show-cause notice served by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) against Boeing for its failure to implement the offset deal in relation to the earlier purchase. As per the offset agreement, 30% of the value of the order given to Boeing had to be spent in India by the company. Boeing had promised to build a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility for the P-8I aircraft in India. Besides India, Australia also operates these aircraft. South Korea and New Zealand are expected to be new customers of Boeing. The US Navy operates a few dozen of these aircraft in Asia. But there is no dedicated MRO for these aircraft in Asia. Keeping all this in mind, Boeing was asked by the MoD to discharge its offset obligation worth over US$600 million by setting up a state-of-the-art MRO in India to service these aircraft. But even after years of signing the deal, the MRO is nowhere in sight. Boeing has reportedly spent only a fraction of its offset commitment. The MoD has, therefore, asked Boeing why it should not be denied any future contracts in view of its failure to honour the offset deal. Sources said the purpose of Calhoun's visit was to smoothen the ruffled feathers in New Delhi.

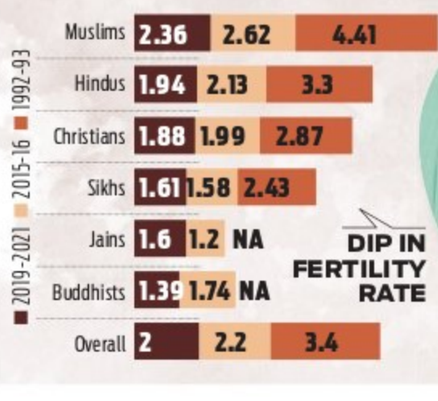
Jet Airways receives Home ministry security clearance

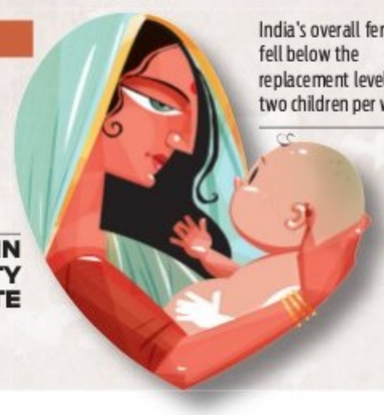
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

JET Airways, which is planning to resume commercial flight operations soon, has been given security clearance by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The MHA clearance came through after the airline, whose current promoter is the Jalan-Kalrock Consortium, conducted a test flight to and from Hyderabad airport on May 5 as part of securing the air operator certificate. The following day, the Union Civil Aviation Ministry informed the airline that it has been given the MHA's security clearance. Copies of the letter were sent to DGCA, the aviation safety regulator, and BCAS, the aviation security authority. The May 5 test flight was to prove to the DGCA that the aircraft and its components functioned normally.

FERTILITY FALLS

Fertility rate among Muslims has seen sharpest decline among all communities in two decades, but still remains the highest, according to data of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare





India's overall fertility fell below the replacement level of two children per woman

The total fertility rate in rural areas has declined from 3.7 children per woman in 1992-93 to 2.1 children in 2019-21

The corresponding decline among women in urban areas was from 2.7 children in 1992-93 to 1.6 children in 2019-21

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

79% of women covered in NFHS victims of domestic violence

79.4% of women admitted they did not raise voice against the atrocities by their husbands

99.5% women in the country don't report the cases of sexual assault due to social stigma

Five states are above the replacement level of fertility of 2.1

Bihar	2.98
Meghalaya	2.91
Uttar Pradesh	2.35
Jharkhand	2.26
Manipur	2.17

6.37 lakh samples taken from 707 districts in 28 states and 8 Union Territories in 2019-2020 during the survey

ASSESSMENT CONUNDRUM

Rtd SC judge slapped with I-T penalty proceedings

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@ New Delhi

A retired Supreme Court judge, who was working as vice chairman of an apex court-appointed SIT on 'black money', has been slapped with Income Tax proceedings for "misreporting" income to the tune of ₹1.06 crore.

In a 21-page assessment order, the Cuttack branch of the IT Department held that Justice (retd) Arijit Pasayat "filed his I-T return for the relevant assessment year on August 21, 2017, declaring a total income of ₹2.20 crore".

This included income from other sources such as arbitration work amounting to ₹1.64 crore. "The assessee was required to explain the basis of declaration of professional income under the head 'income from other sources' instead of under the head 'profits or gains of business or profession'," the order said.

Justice Pasayat, however, "claimed income earned from services rendered by acting as arbitrator has been correctly shown under the head 'income from other sources'".

However, unsatisfied with the explanation, the I-T officials have initiated proceedings against him.

WRITING A NEW CHAPTER

Amit Shah books place for PM in pantheon of national icons

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@ New Delhi

EIGHT years after first storming to power at the Centre in 2014, the BJP has now embarked on a mission to project Prime Minister Narendra Modi at par with – and even above -- those who led the freedom struggle, with Home Minister Amit Shah seeking to build a larger-than-life image of his leader.

Writing in a chapter for a soon-to-be released book, Modi@20 Dreams and Delivery by Rupa Publications, Shah describes Modi as a template for what it means and takes to be a 'national leader', hinting through the text that all other leaders in the past pale into insignificance.

Ever the loyal second-in-command, Shah asserts that in the past, the 'national leader' label would be handed out to politicians of no proven merit and who were only capable of winning elections from one or two safe seats.

The Home Minister makes a clear distinction among those who were identified as 'national leaders' in the years immediately after the independence movement because of their "name recall" across regions, and the other whom he dismisses as media creations. In later years, especially during the coalition-era politics, Shah writes, the expression was much abused with the Delhi media of the time generously attributing the status to its "friends and favourites".

In the book, which will be released on May 11, Shah builds an argument in ascribing the 'national leader' status on Modi by saying that the best teacher for a leader is "travelling to ordinary places, meeting ordinary families, sharing ordinary experiences, and doing all this by ordinary means". "Narendra Modi has done so with greater frequency and perseverance than any politician in the past years," he writes.

Without naming -- but hinting at – PMs from the Nehru-Gandhi family, Shah writes that parties and prime ministers won a majority in the Lok Sabha between 1952 and 1984 on the basis of the freedom struggle's goodwill, family legacy, anger against the incumbent, a mix of fear and sympathy, with appeasement, sectional prejudice, vote bank mobilisation and hollow slogans.

Shah says "facile and insincere manufacturing of national leaders" was exposed after Modi led the BJP to its biggest national election victory in 2014 before repeating the feat with a bigger margin in 2019.

Modi, he writes, is not just a mascot flown in for a few events and rallies. "He complements the deep understanding of local politics and concerns that state BJP units and leaders bring to the table. This is very different from the supposed national leaders of other parties. They are fly-in, fly-out visitors with no sense of the ground reality."

Modi@20 is an anthology edited and compiled by BlueKraft Digital Foundation. The chapters have been authored by eminent intellectuals and domain experts. Some of these include External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval, former Niti Aayog chief Arvind Panagariya, Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani and cardiologist Devi Shetty.

MUSEUM FOR FREEDOM HEROES

The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to build a state-of-the-art museum to give due recognition to the unsung heroes of the state who have contributed immensely to the country's freedom movement

8 WOMEN WORKERS HOSPITALIZED OVER UNEASINESS AT BEER FACTORY IN JAMMU

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	28	Mumbai	33	29
Bhopal	43	29	Panaji	33	29
Jaipur	42	28	Patna	37	28
Amritsar	41	27	Lucknow	36	28
Chennai	40	32	Port Blair	32	28
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	30	20
Srinagar	30	10	Chandigarh	45	28

GAME ON

Gujarat 'weaker' seats get vigorous attention

Saffron party draws up multiple action plans for winning seats which it lost or gained with slender margin in 2017

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

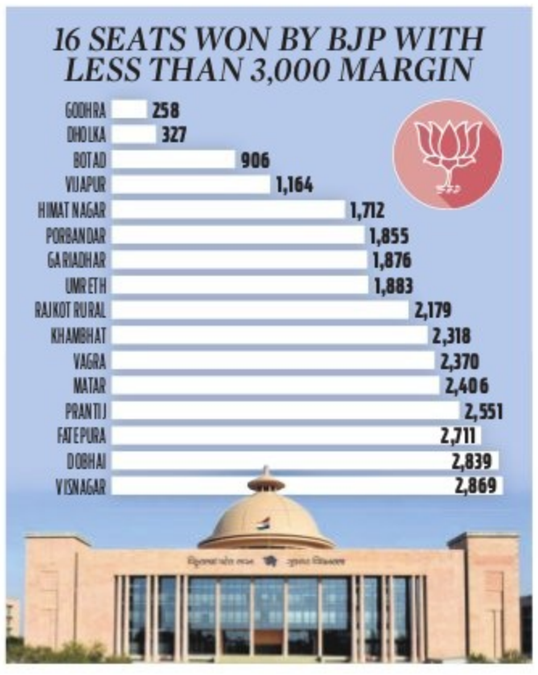
DESPITE tall claims of some Gujarat BJP leaders that the party has no rival in the upcoming Assembly polls, the ruling party is taking all precautions to avoid a repeat of 2017 when it had to content with a simple majority.

In the 182-member Gujarat Assembly, the party won 99 seats in 2017 against the 115 seats it had bagged in 2012. On the contrary, the opposition Congress improved its tally to 77 from the previous 61. The saffron party is expected to focus vigorously on the 16 seats which it had won narrowly.

A senior BJP leader, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said: "We have drawn up an action plan to strengthen booths in the constituencies where the winning margin was less than 3,000 votes in 2017. Also, there is a parallel plan to bring strong Congress leaders into the party in these constituencies."

Stating that booth management was the key to BJP's victory, the party leader said they would seek the cooperation of social workers and religious leaders in the low-margin booths. "A few days ago, party general secretary BL Santosh had a meeting with senior party leaders, in which RSS office-bearers were also present. A special strategy has been drawn up to retain the seats which were won by us with a narrow margin, and to win the seats which were bagged by Congress with a narrow margin," the party leader said.

To retain its weaker seats, the saffron party has started constituency-wise surveys to assess the performance of the sitting MLAs, sentiments of voters and the problems faced by them. After the survey, which is being prepared by a private agency, a report will be handed over to the leadership.



WON BY SLENDER MARGINS

57 seats
Margin 5% or lower
Congress: 30
BJP: 25

29 seats
had less than 2% margin

DIGVIJAYA TO HEAD CHAMBAL MISSION

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WITH over five decades of political experience under his belt, former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijaya Singh is on a mission to rebuild the Congress in the Gwalior-Chambal region of the state.

The region — Home turf of Jyotiraditya Scindia, whose departure from the Congress scripted the fall of 15-month-old Kamal Nath government in March 2020 — had played a key role in the Congress's return to power in the state after 15 years in the 2018 Assembly polls. Powered by Scindia's charisma, the party had won 26 out of 34 seats in the region.

But with Scindia now in the BJP camp and several senior BJP leaders, including Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar, state BJP president VD Sharma and state's home minister Narottam Mishra hailing from the same region, the Congress faces an uphill task of recreating the 2018 magic in the upcoming poll.

Digvijaya chaired a marathon six-hour meeting of region's Congress leaders in Gwalior on Saturday. The meeting was attended among others by newly appointed Leader of Opposition in the Vidhan Sabha Dr Govind Singh, powerful Brahmin leader Chaudhary Rakesh Singh Chaturvedi, former minister Ramniwas Rawat and many MLAs, including Digvijaya's son and former MP minister Jaivardhan Singh.

I've been tasked by Kamal Nath to work on strengthening the party in the Gwalior-Chambal region. This is just the first meeting, as from now on similar meetings will be held every month

Digvijaya Singh, Cong

"Our senior leaders will carry out *Yatras* across the region under the door-to-door *Ghar Chalo Abhiyan*. During these *Yatras* the failure of BJP regimes at the Centre and the state to control the galloping inflation and the ruling party's tactics of diverting attention from real issues to communal issues will be exposed," the Rajya Sabha MP said.

The former CM, who has also been appointed by Nath as the head of a Congress panel probing the "suppressive" actions by the BJP government against Congress workers and leaders in MP, said the first mega rally on the issue will be held soon in the Gwalior-Chambal region.

Voices against CAA get louder as Shah visits Assam today

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah has riled various organisations in the Northeast with his recent statement in West Bengal that the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) would be implemented once the Covid-19 situation in the country ebbs.

Ahead of Shah's two-day visit to Assam beginning on Monday, these organisations have threatened to re-launch the anti-CAA agitations in the diverse region.

The North East Students' Organisation (NESO) has cautioned the Centre to not make any attempt to implement the contentious citizenship Act, stating that it is not acceptable to the indigenous citizens of the region. The outfit highlighted how the people were grappling with the problem of illegal immigration from neighbouring Bangladesh.

The All Assam Students' Union said the state would not accept the "foreigners", whether they are Hindus or Muslims. It said the implementation of CAA would go against the spirit of the Assam Accord of 1985 which prescribed the detection and deportation of Bangladeshi nationals, who entered Assam after March 25, 1971.

Meanwhile, the Khasi Students' Union in Meghalaya cautioned that implementation of CAA would "trigger unrest" in the state. It advised the Centre to implement inner line permit (ILP) instead.

The ILP is an official document issued to allow inward travel of an Indian citizen into a protected area for a limited period. Many in the Northeast view it as a shield against the illegal influx of immigrants.

Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh require visitors from outside to carry the inner line permit.

Given the public sentiments in the region against CAA, Shah is unlikely to make any statement on the 2019 legislation. In December 2019, five people had lost their lives during anti-CAA protests in Assam. Official sources said Shah would visit the India-Bangladesh border at Mankachar in Meghalaya and hold deliberations with Border Security Force officials. He will also attend programmes in Tamulpur and Guwahati.

Divided house: Raje, Poonia faction fight unabated as poll discussions set to begin

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

JUST a fortnight ahead of the BJP's crucial national-level meeting in Jaipur to formulate strategies for the upcoming elections, including the one in Rajasthan, the party's state unit remains a divided house.

The Rajasthan BJP is riddled with a battle for supremacy between former CM Vasundhara Raje and party's state president Satish Poonia, who is backed by the RSS. The standoff between the two factions continues despite repeated instructions by BJP national president JP Nadda and state in-charge Arun Singh. Poonia belongs to the powerful Jat community which has influence over 40 of the 200 Assembly seats in the state. He had become the BJP chief soon after BJP lost elections in 2018 under the leadership of Raje.

On numerous occasions, the tussle within the Rajasthan BJP has been reflected both within and outside the Assembly. Recently, during Poonia's visit to Bengaluru, some of his Rajasthani supporters said Poonia would be the next CM. Analysts believe that Shah and Modi might prefer Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat for the CM post, but to sideline Poonia will not be so easy.

Since Rajasthan has had a trend of change of government every five years, observers feel the trend is making all major contenders for the CM post active. While Poonia and Raje lead in the race for CM post, there are half a dozen other probables, including Shekhawat, opposition leader Gulab Chand Kataria and former Union minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathod.

Due to the infighting, the BJP has not been able to hold any major agitation against the Gehlot government. Nadda is to visit Rajasthan on May 10 ahead of the national meeting. All eyes are now focussed on whether the trip could bring some resolution.

Sena cries 'contempt' as Ranas attack Thackeray

MP Navneet Rana outside Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai on Sunday | PTI

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

LOK SABHA MP Navneet Rana on Sunday allegedly defied the bail conditions laid down by a special court here by speaking to the media about the case registered against her and her husband and independent MLA Ravi Rana.

As per the bail order, the Rana couple was forbidden from speaking to the media about the case registered against them.

Navneet Rana upon being discharged from Nanavati Hospital challenged Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, saying should he fight election from any constituency, she would contest against him.

Alleging that she was sent to jail just for chanting Hanuman Chalisa, the Amravati MP said: "Is it a crime taking Lord Ram or Hanuman's name? If it is a crime, then I am ready to go to jail again; I am not afraid of it. I will complain to the Prime Minister and Union home minister that the Maha Vikas Aghadi government has been misusing power to target political opponents," she said.

Shiv Sena was soon to criticise the Ranas for "breaking" the bail conditions and speaking against their leader Uddhav Thackeray. Sena leaders alleged that by defying the court order, the couple committed contempt of court and hence, their bails should be cancelled.

The Ranas were arrested by the Mumbai Police for allegedly promoting enmity between two groups and disturbing social harmony, after the duo announced to chant Hanuman Chalisa outside Thackeray's residence.

FIR in Delhi accuses Raj minister's son of rape

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jaipur

IN a major embarrassment for Rajasthan's Ashok Gehlot-led government, a case of rape has been registered against the son of a key state minister in New Delhi.

The survivor, a 23-year-old resident of Jaipur, has alleged that Rohit Joshi — son of Water Resources Minister Mahesh Joshi — raped her several times after intoxicating her.

According to the woman, Joshi allegedly made nude videos of her and threatened to kill her in case she made the incident public.

The youth has registered a FIR at Sadar police station in Delhi in which she claimed that Rohit Joshi promised to marry her and raped her on several occasions. When she became pregnant, she was even forced to abort the baby.

In the complaint lodged with the police, the survivor claimed that she was friends with Rohit Joshi on Facebook.

The woman also alleged in her complaint that her life was in danger in Rajasthan, which was why she decided to lodge the complaint in the national capital.

The North Delhi Police has registered an FIR based on the complaint and forwarded it to Sawai Madhopur police superintendent as the woman was first subjected to rape in Sawai Madhopur.

'Corporate' plan hits road block

Kolkata: The Bengal government's recent plan to appoint consultants from corporate sector has run into rough weather because of objection raised by senior bureaucrats, sources said. The government has selected 50 senior professionals for 24 departments through personality tests. But their appointments are yet to be approved since some senior bureaucrats have expressed reservations that it could come in the way of the daily affairs of the government. The government planned that the hired consultants would be posted in the departments for fresh ideas to run government schemes smoothly and make them more people friendly and attractive. ENS

ENCOUNTER

Pak commander among two LeT militants killed in J&K gunfight

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A top Pakistani commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba and his associate were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district on Sunday.

A police official said acting on specific inputs about the presence of militants, police, CRPF and the Army launched a joint cordon and search operation at Cheyan Devsar area of Kulgam in the early hours.

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar identified one of the slain militants as LeT's Pakistani commander Haider, who was active for over two years in north Kashmir and had recently shifted his base to south Kashmir. "He was involved in two recent attacks on policemen in Bandipora in which two policemen and an SPO were killed," he said. The other slain militant was identified as local militant Shahbaz Shah.

"Shahbaz was a hybrid militant and was involved in killing of a civilian belonging to minority community on April 4 in Kulgam," the IGP said.

Sunday's encounter was the second gunfight in south Kashmir in the last three days. On Friday, three Hizbul Mujahideen militants were killed in a gunfight in Anantnag.

After AAP, Trinamool serious about Assam

After the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Trinamool Congress has set its sights on Assam. What excited the party is a weakened Congress. It wasted no time in opening its door to former Congress biggie Ripun Bora recently after receiving feelers from him. He is former Assam Congress president and MP. Earlier, Mahila Congress chief Sushmita Dev had joined the Trinamool. In 2004, the Trinamool virtually had no base in the state but it still managed to win a by-election. Success came again in 2011 when one of its candidates got elected to Assembly. However, it slipped into oblivion thereafter in the absence of any activities. But now after Dev and Bora's joining the party, it is stepping up its activities.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

Transit, rescue camps for Kaziranga animals

Stray animals suffer during the annual floods at the Kaziranga National Park. To help them, the state government is planning to set up transit and rescue camps at the UN world heritage site. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said three officers would be sent to Jamnagar, Gujarat to study the facilities available at the Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (GZRRC) and replicate the same in Assam. He held a meeting with the officials of the GZRRC recently. It was aimed at capacity and capability-building of veterinary care facilities. Considering the rising cases of human-wildlife conflicts, the government proposed to sign a memorandum with the GZRRC.

Law and order front improves under Himanta

The one-year-old Himanta Biswa Sarma regime has made significant improvement on the law and order front. Not only the rate of crime has dropped, the pendency of cases has also reduced. The Assam police shared comparative figures. The pendency of cases, which were 1,09,081 at the end of May last year, reduced to 83,947 at the end of April this year. The average crime rate per lakh of population was 384 during last year and it has now come down to 222. Also, the average monthly registration of cases was over 11,103 during last year compared to 6,247 this year while disposal of cases in the first quarter of 2022 was 28,400, as against 24,159 in the first quarter of 2021.

Saffron camp likely to face upcoming J&K Assembly poll without CM face

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE BJP, which is hopeful of forming the next government in Jammu and Kashmir, is likely to face the maiden Assembly election in the Union Territory without a chief minister's face.

With the Delimitation Commission submitting its final report, the first Assembly poll in the UT is likely to be held in October-November this year.

The BJP, which is currently the most active among political parties in J&K, has intensified activities both in Kashmir and Jammu provinces.

BJP spokesman Arun Gupta said the party is ready for elections. "We are ready both in Kashmir and Jammu. We are working on 'Mission 50' and will achieve it," he said.

Gupta said the decision on CM's face would be taken by the party high command at an appropriate time.

He said contesting the election is important and the central leadership will decide who will be CM. "The elections are not fought on who will be the CM or not. It is contested to ensure that the party gets maximum seats and party leaders work for that," he said.

"The CM face will be decided only after the elections," added Gupta.

Senior J&K BJP leader and MoS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh and J&K BJP chief Ravindra Raina are said to be frontrunners for the BJP's CM probables.

However, BJP sources said nothing could be said with certainty whether Singh or Raina would be party's CM candidate or somebody else would be appointed as the CM after the elections, in case the party wins the poll.

With the completion of the delimitation exercise, J&K Assembly's strength has risen from 83 to 90. Of the 90 seats, Kashmir will be having 47 seats and Jammu 43 seats. Nine seats have been reserved for Scheduled Castes and seven for Scheduled Tribes.

J&K BJP chief Ravindra Raina said now that the delimitation exercise has been completed, the elections in J&K will be held soon. "I think within the next few months, election for J&K Assembly will be held. It will be an important election," he said.

Raina said the BJP is confident of forming the next government in J&K and having the CM from the party.

In the 2014 Assembly poll, BJP had emerged as the second largest party by winning 25 of the 87 seats and formed a coalition government with PDP.

12 people were killed in an ambush by suspected jihadists in northern Burkina Faso on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	16	10	LR	Los Angeles	20	10	SNY
Colombo	21	12	LC	Melbourne	17	6	LC
Dhaka	30	25	TDS	Moscow	10	3	LR
Dubai	35	27	SNY	New York	19	9	SNY
Houston	33	24	LC	Singapore	31	28	TDS
Istanbul	18	10	LC	Toronto	14	7	SNY
London	22	13	LR	Washington	18	8	SNY

Ukraine battles to hold fort as Russia gears up for V-Day parade

Shelling and missile strikes intensify; Zelenskyy to meet G7 leaders; full control of Mariupol to allow Moscow to create land bridge between Crimean peninsula

SEVERODONETSK

UKRAINIAN forces braced to defend their final bastion in the devastated port city of Mariupol on Sunday, desperate to deny Russia a symbolic win on the eve of Moscow's Victory Day celebrations. Shelling and missile strikes have intensified in the build up to the World War II anniversary.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy marked the anniversary on the end of the World War by comparing Ukraine's battle for national survival to the region's war of resistance against its former Nazi occupiers.

"Decades after World War II, darkness has returned to Ukraine, and it has become black and white again," Zelenskyy said, in a monochrome social media video shot against the backdrop of bombed out apartment block.

"Evil has returned, in a different uniform, under different slogans, but for the same purpose," he warned, trying to turn Russian President Vladimir Putin's "anti-Nazi" rhetoric back on itself.

Russia, meanwhile, was gearing up for a Victory Day parade designed to associate the invasion of its neighbour with the national pride felt over the Soviet Union's defeat of Germany. Zelenskyy was also to meet G7 leaders via video conference to discuss the crisis, and European diplomats were hammering out the details of their latest sanctions package against Moscow. On the ground, the key battles were being fought in Ukraine's east.

Civilians have now been evacuated from Mariupol's Azovstal steelworks, leaving a small force of defenders holed up in its sprawling network of underground tunnels and bunkers.

The complex — the final pocket of Ukrainian resistance in the port city — has taken on a symbolic value. "The enemy is trying to finish off the defenders of Azovstal, they are trying to do it before May 9 to give Vladimir Putin a gift," warned Zelenskyy aide Oleksiy Arestovych.

Taking full control of Mariupol would also allow Moscow to create a land bridge between the Crimean peninsula, which it annexed in 2014, and regions run by pro-Russian separatists in the east. *AFP*

A man takes photos of a destroyed Russian tank on the outskirts of Kyiv in Ukraine on Sunday | AP/PTI

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Putin's actions bring shame on Russia: G7

Washington: Russian President Vladimir Putin's "unprovoked war of aggression" in Ukraine has brought "shame on Russia and its people's historic sacrifices," G7 group of wealthy nations said on Sunday in a statement. "Russia has violated the international rules-based order, particularly the UN Charter, conceived after World War II to spare successive generations from scourge of war," it said. *AFP*

Surrender not an option, say Ukraine forces in Azovstal

Kyiv: Ukraine forces holed up in the sprawling Azovstal steel works in the Russian controlled city of Mariupol said Sunday that they were unable to surrender fearing reprisals from Russian forces. "We, all of the military personnel in the garnison of Mariupol, we have witnessed the war crimes performed by Russia, by the Russian army. We are witnesses. Surrender is not an option because Russia is not interested in our lives," said Ilya Samoilenko, an Azov regiment intelligence officer. AFP

As in 1945, victory will be ours: Putin

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday vowed that "as in 1945, victory will be ours" as he congratulated former Soviet nations on the 77th anniversary of Nazi Germany's defeat in World War II. "Today, our soldiers, as their ancestors, are fighting side by side to liberate their native land from the Nazi filth with the confidence that, as in 1945, victory will be ours," said Putin. "Today, it is our common duty to prevent the rebirth of Nazism," he said. *AFP*

Jill Biden meets refugees in surprise Ukraine visit

UZHHOROD

US first lady Jill Biden made an unannounced visit to western Ukraine on Sunday, holding a surprise Mother's Day meeting with the nation's first lady, Olena Zelenskyy, as Russia presses its punishing war in the eastern regions. Biden travelled under the cloak of secrecy, becoming the latest high-profile American to enter Ukraine during its 10-week-old conflict with Russia.

'I wanted to come on Mother's Day,' Biden told Zelenskyy. 'I thought it was important to show the Ukrainian people that this war has to stop and this war has been brutal and that the people of the United States stand with the people of Ukraine.' The first lady travelled by vehicle to the town of Uzhhorod, about a 10-minute drive from a Slovakian village that borders Ukraine.

The two came together in a small classroom, sitting across a table from one another and talking before reporters before they met in private. Zelenskyy thanked Biden for her 'courageous act' and said, 'We understand what it takes for the U.S. first lady to come here during a war.' *AP*

US first lady Jill Biden meets Ukrainian refugees at a city-run refugee centre in Kosice, Slovakia, on Sunday | AFP

Putin responsible for war crimes: Trudeau

Kyiv: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Sunday that Russian leader Vladimir Putin was responsible for "war crimes", during a visit to Ukraine where he met with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. "It is clear that Vladimir Putin is responsible for heinous war crimes Trudeau said at a news conference with the Ukrainian leader. "There must be accountability," he said, after the G7 meeting. Earlier in the day, Trudeau visited Irpin outside Kyiv, a city devastated by fierce fighting between Ukrainian and Russian forces. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

IRAN

Violent arrest of woman: 3 cops held

Tehran: Three Iranian policemen have been arrested in Tehran, state media reported on Sunday, after a video appearing to show the officers violently arresting a woman sparked outrage. "The police officers who violently arrested a young woman in Lavasan in eastern Tehran have been detained," the government-run newspaper reported. A short video has sparked anger in recent days on social media in Iran, showing three police officers forcing a woman into a police car. The date of the incident is unknown. In the footage, a woman is seen screaming as she pleads to a man in civilian clothing, who pushes her to the ground in front of a police officer and another man in uniform. During the incident, a "plainclothes policeman hits the hand of the woman" and "forces her into the vehicle," it reported. *AFP*

SOUTH KOREA

New prez set to get tough on North

Seoul: South Korea's hawkish new president will be sworn in on Tuesday, and he looks set to get tough with Pyongyang, departing from what he has called the "subservient" approach of his predecessor. Unlike outgoing President Moon Jae-in, who saw North Korea as a negotiating partner, incoming leader Yoon Suk-yeol sees the country as an adversary, said Cheong Seong-chang of the Center for North Korea Studies at the Sejong Institute. *AFP*

PHILIPPINES

Security forces on alert ahead of polls

Manila: More than 60,000 security forces in the Philippines were on alert on Sunday to safeguard ballots and polling stations on the eve of the presidential election, after police reported that four people were killed in an outbreak of violence. More than 18,000 posts, from president to town councillor, are up for grabs in the elections. The son of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos looks set to win the presidential vote by a landslide, returning the clan to the pinnacle of political power. Rights groups, Catholic church leaders and opponents see the elections as a make-or-break moment for the country's democracy, amid fears that Marcos Junior could rule with a heavy fist. Personnel from the police, armed forces and coast guard have fanned out across the archipelago to help secure polling stations and ballots. *AFP*

Crowds jeer Sri Lankan PM during rare outing

COLOMBO

BOOS and heckles greeted Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Sunday on his first public outing since nationwide protests erupted demanding the resignation of his ruling family over the worsening economic crisis.

Months of blackouts and acute shortages of food, fuel and medicines have caused widespread suffering across the South Asian island in its worst economic downturn since independence in 1948.

On Sunday, the premier visited one of the holiest Buddhist temples — housing a reputedly 2,300-year-old tree — in Anuradhapura.

But dozens of people carried hand-written placards and chanted slogans demanding that "thieves" be banned from the sacred city, 200km north of Colombo."We will worship you if you stand down (as Prime Minister) and leave," one man shouted.

Heavily armed Special Task Force (STF) commandos were deployed while police moved to clear the road for Rajapaksa's convoy of six vehicles. Officials said the premier would return to the capital by helicopter.

Mahinda Rajapaksa's visit to Anuradhapura is part of a flurry of religious activity by the ruling family as it clings to power in the Buddhist-majority nation.

Local media reported that the president's personal shaman, Gnana Akka, had charmed bottled water and delivered it to the protest site in the hope the movement would fizzle out. Another report said the premier's wife Shiranthi, a Catholic, had visited a Hindu temple seeking divine help for her family's bid to remain in power. *AFP*

A Sri Lankan man pushes back a police motorbike as protesters demanding supply of essential items block an intersection for the second consecutive day at Colombo in Sri Lanka on Sunday | AP

Axe murder: 2 Palestinian suspects held

ELAD

ISRAELI security services on Sunday arrested two Palestinians suspected of axing to death three Israelis after a more than two-day manhunt, the latest in a spate of deadly attacks.

The security services — who previously identified the suspects as Assad Yussef al-Rifai, 19, and Subhi Imad Abu Shukair, 20 — said the pair were spotted near a quarry just outside the central town of Elad, where the axe attack took place on Thursday.

"We said we would get the terrorists, and so we did," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said ahead of his weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday.

The suspects had been hiding in a forested area, near the quarry, and did not fight with security forces as the arrest was carried out, said security personnel.

The deadly attack in Elad, populated by mainly ultra-Orthodox Jews, was the sixth in which Israelis have been targeted since March 22.

Witnesses said two assailants leapt from a car swinging axes at passers-by, leaving three dead and four wounded, before fleeing in the same vehicle.

The manhunt included "intelligence and special forces units" from the police, domestic security agency and the army, along with helicopters and drones, the security forces said. Army chief Aviv Kohavi praised the operation, vowing "to strengthen the security... of Israeli civilians."

The bloodshed unfolded as Israel marked the 74th anniversary of its founding, which has previously been a tense day in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For Palestinians, the anniversary of Israel's 1948 declaration of independence marks the Nakba, or "catastrophe", when more than 700,000 fled or were expelled during the war surrounding Israel's creation. *AFP*

John Lee and his wife Janet celebrate after Lee was named the city's new leader in Hong Kong on Sunday | AFP

Beijing loyalist elected Hong Kong leader

HONG KONG

JOHN LEE, a hard-line security chief who oversaw a crackdown on Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement, was elected as the city's next leader on Sunday in a vote cast by a largely pro-Beijing committee.

John Lee, 64, was the only candidate in the Beijing-backed race to succeed outgoing leader Carrie Lam. The elevation of Lee, who is under US sanctions, places a security official in the top job for the first time after a tumultuous few years for a city battered by political unrest and debilitating pandemic controls. Despite the city's mini-constitution promising universal suffrage, Hong Kong has never been a democracy, the source of years of public frustration and protests since the 1997 handover to China.

Its leader is instead chosen by an "election committee" currently comprised of 1,461 people — roughly 0.02% of the city's population. After a brief secret ballot on Sunday, 99% (1,416 members) voted for Lee while eight voted against, according to officials. *AFP*

Don't throw dirt: Pak army warns critics

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S powerful army warned its critics on Sunday to avoid throwing dirt on the premier institution as it took "strong exception" to "intensified and deliberate attempts" to drag it in politics after the removal of the government of Imran Khan last month.

The 69-year-old cricketer-turned-politician was voted out of power last month through a no-confidence motion, which he alleges was masterminded by the US with the help of local players over his pursuance of an independent foreign policy. His supporters used social media to target the army for doing nothing to save his government.

In a statement, the army said that the efforts being made by certain politicians, journalists and analysts to push the institution and its leadership in the political affairs was "extremely damaging". "Pakistan Armed Forces take strong exception to such unlawful and unethical practice and expect all to abide by the law and keep the Armed Forces out of political discourse," it said. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

48 killed in northwest Nigeria attacks

Kano: Gunmen killed at least 48 people in attacks on three villages in northwest Nigeria's Zamfara state, a local official said on Sunday. Dozens of gunmen on motorcycles entered the three villages in coordinated attacks, shooting people as they tried to flee," said Aminu Suleiman, administrative head of Bakura district. *AFP*

Havana hotel blast toll rises to 30

Havana: The death toll from an accidental explosion at a luxury hotel in central Havana rose to 30 on Sunday, authorities said. Twenty-four people were being treated in hospital after the powerful blast on Friday suspected to be caused by a gas leak. Seven were critically injured and another six were in a serious condition. AFP

VEIL ON FREEDOM

Afghan women defiant but feel 'imprisoned' by new order

KABUL

WOMEN in Afghanistan expressed defiance on Sunday after the Taliban issued a directive ordering them to cover fully in public, including their faces, or stay indoors, saying the change would effectively leave them "imprisoned".

Afghanistan's supreme leader and Taliban chief Hibatullah Akhundzada approved the order on Saturday in a move that threatens to push freedoms back toward the harsh rule imposed by the Islamists when they previously held power between 1996-2001. It also goes against promises about a softer rule made to the international community after the Taliban took power in August last year.

Women walk along a street in Kandahar. The Taliban on Saturday ordered women to cover from head to toe in public | AFP

"I am being imprisoned. I can't live in freedom and all my social life is being controlled by the Taliban," said activist Tahmina Taham, a former government employee who lost her job after the Taliban stormed back to power last year. "Forget about being a woman, I have been stripped of my liberties even as a human being." she said. Akhundzada's decree also specified that women working in government jobs who did not follow the order "should be fired" and that employees whose wives and daughters do not comply will also be suspended from their jobs.

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The United Nations mission in Afghanistan condemned the decree and said it might further "strain engagement" between the Islamists and the international community, which has tied the resumption of aid to Afghanistan's economy and the recognition of the Taliban government to their ability to respect women's rights.

There were no immediate signs of Akhundzada's order being followed in Kabul on Sunday, with many women seen on the streets without covering their faces.

In the western city of Herat, considered liberal by Afghan standards, resident Fatima Rezaie said many women were now defiant and won't accept changes imposed by force.But in the southern city of Kandahar, the de facto power centre of the Taliban, women were seen wearing the burqa. *AFP*

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Manage home loan EMI as interest rate up

Interest burden needs to be compensated either by way of increase in tenure of the loan or an increase in the EMI

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

BANKS and housing finance companies have started increasing lending rates after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised the repo rate - the rate at which banks borrow from RBI to cover their short-term fund shortages - by 40 basis points.

As a result, existing home loan borrowers, who opt for floating rate loans, might see the cost of their loans going up by 30-40 basis points, if not already. And if you are not yet aware of the revision of your home loan interest rate, it is likely your lender might have already increased the tenure of your loan, without you even knowing about it.

When interest rates go up, the interest burden of a home loan borrower would go up, and this needs to be compensated either by way of an increase in the tenure of the loan or an increase in the EMI. If not chosen otherwise, the bank will increase the tenure of the loan instead of increasing your Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI), purely because changing the tenure is less of a hassle for bank as well as for the borrower than changing the EMI.

How home loan tenure/EMI gets impacted with the increase in interest rates

ASSUMPTIONS: OUTSTANDING LOAN ₹50 LAKH; ORIGINAL TENURE 20 YEARS; ORIGINAL INTEREST 7%

	Interst Rate (%)	EMI (₹)	Difference in EMI (₹)	Total interest payable (₹)	Total amount payable (₹)	Different in interest paid (₹)	New tenure if EMI is same (Months)	Increase in tenure (Months)	New Interest payable if EMI remains same (₹)	Additional Interest paid (₹)
Original	7	38,765		43,03,587	93,03,587		240	0		
Scenario 1	7.4	39,974	1,209	45,93,875	95,93,875	290,288	258	18	50,02,760	6,99,173
Scenario 2	8	41,822	3,057	50,37,281	1,00,37,281	733,694	296	56	64,45,270	14,07,989
Scenario 3	8.5	43,075	4,310	53,38,054	1,03,38,054	10,34,467	334	94	79,50,180	36,46,593

Source: BankBazaar.com

Increase in EMI vs in tenure

The dilemma that a borrower might now face is whether to let the tenure go up or the EMI. The short and crisp answer to this is if you can afford, you should increase the EMI.

If your budget allows you then you can let the EMI go up so that the loan closes on the original schedule, otherwise it is fine to let the tenure go up, says Harsh Roongta, a fee-only Sebi registered Investment adviser.

However, the situation for home borrowers is not as simple as that given the fact that the latest increase in rates is probably just the beginning of many such hikes in future.

Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, State Bank of India, sees another round of rate hikes in June and August. He says: "During the pandemic, RBI had reduced the policy repo rate by

115 bps in 2-instances (first 75 bps in March 2020 and thereafter 40 bps in May 2020) and it has been kept unchanged since then. With the current hike of 40 bps in repo rate to 4.40%, it seems the rate cycle has made a U-turn and RBI will continue to increase the rates and may reach the pre-pandemic level of 5.15% by end March 2023."

Given this situation, home loan borrowers might have to think of either increasing the EMI or even making pre-payments to ensure that their home loan tenures do not go up too much.

Adhil Shetty, CEO of fintech company BankBazaar, says: If you are unable to opt for a higher EMI, then you should make plans for regular prepayments. This is only the first hike and the global situation indicates that we may see an increase of 200 basis points in the interest rates over the next year or so."

He, therefore, advises home loan borrowers against retaining current EMI without making prepayments as it could end up extending the tenure by a decade or more and doubling the cost of loan.

Doing the math

If you have an outstanding loan of ₹50 Lakh loan at 7% with 10 years of tenure remaining, and the interest goes up by 40 bsp then you would need to pay around ₹1,000 over your current EMI to ensure that the loan is closed on schedule (assuming the interest remains 7.4% for the rest of the tenure).

But if you don't increase the EMI and let the tenure go up, you will have to pay for four additional months to close the loan.

If the loan rates are to increase to 8.5% in the next 12 months, then the tenure of the loan may go up by 12-14 months given the EMI is kept the same.

Making a prepayment is a good option to ensure your loan tenure does not increase for a very long time even if you keep paying the same EMI. Prepayment also ensures you pay less in interest for the loan.

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AS RATES GO UP, REVIEW YOUR FINANCES

WHILE addressing shareholders recently, Warren Buffett, the 91-year old CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, gave a solution to beat inflation. The sage of Omaha said that individuals should excel in what they do to negate the impact of inflation. At first glance, you may think it is an obvious fact of the matter statement. However, Buffett emphasises that you need to use your skills to get more work during inflationary times. He said that no amount of inflation could take any slice away from things you know. Doubling your effort in something you do well can only be more remunerative.

That makes sense as your finances could face a tricky situation over the next few quarters. You may want to focus on giving your income a bump as your monthly expenditure increases due to rising inflation and interest rates. You are all set to pay more for essentials and your loans. The Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy committee had an unscheduled meeting last week and unanimously voted to hike the repo rate or the benchmark borrowing rate by 0.40%. The RBI also increased the cash reserve ratio, or CRR, by 0.5%. Banks have to maintain CRR deposits with RBI against deposits. These measures would make loans expensive, and your Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) on all loans will go up.

The way to tackle a situation when money is squeezed out is to shore up your income. Buffett is spot on that. He argues that any monetary event cannot undercut your skills. If you do something better, you will continue to get more money from things you do well. A doctor or an accountant would continue to use their skills without getting affected by inflation.

Similarly, you may want to put in that extra effort to further enhance your income's potential. High inflation and high-interest rates may undercut your long-term savings and investment plan if you have a steady income through a salary. Your long-term financial goals may not get the necessary support from your savings in such a situation.

The situation is also an excellent time to step back and review your finances. When interest rates rise, you need to cut back on your expenditure first. At the same time, you need to pay off credit cards or personal loans. These are the most expensive loans, and they get more expensive as rates rise. You must utilise any surplus you get in your hands to pay off expensive loans. There is no need to rush to repay your home loan. It would get costly, but it is the cheapest loan.

Your fixed deposit rates would rise. While that is good news for wealth protection, it may not necessarily contribute to your wealth creation in the future. If you add more savings to your fixed deposits, you are barely covering for inflation. Your investments need to generate at least twice the rate of return as consumer price inflation. When interest rates are rising, equity markets turn volatile and trend down. However, that is not the time for any panic. Stock markets and interest rates move in cycles.

Equity assets have witnessed a significant run since the bottom of May 2020. When share prices rally, valuations go past the fundamentals of those businesses. An increase in the borrowing cost of money is expected to cool off such high prices. If you are a direct investor in the stock market, you may want to choose businesses that show consistent profits and do not need to borrow more for future expansion. Over the past few years, large companies in manufacturing sectors have repaid loans. Their balance sheets are healthier, and that is helping banks to do better too. An important step would be to talk to a professional advisor and create an asset allocation plan. If you are getting squeezed due to rising interest rates and inflation, you have to work towards enhancing your income. If you already have a steady income, you need to wisely put your money at work. A conversation with an advisor should help you keep calm.

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BUY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES, SELL IN CERTAIN TIMES

WHO will win the Uttar Pradesh election? What about Gujarat? Will Narendra Modi win the 2024 elections? When will the Ukraine war be over? Will gas and oil prices go through the roof? Will inflation exceed 9% pa?

When there is so much of uncertainty around, Equity Markets find it difficult to go up. Now comes a new problem - the re-emerging Chinese Covid crisis. What if there are more lock-downs, non availability of semiconductor chips?

Markets hate uncertainty, so March 2020 we saw the lowest prices of stocks. The Indices hit all time lows.

Then the uncertainty started lifting - and the markets were lifted, and how! Some shares went up 2x and some went up 5x! That is what the market likes - clearing of uncertainty. A few days ago the ONLY big problem in the world was rising interest rates.

At that stage with a lot of certainty, markets had peaked. Markets love certainty. At this time Putin decided to enter Ukraine! He singlehandedly drove up commodity prices and also brought about a lot of uncertainty. Rising inflation, screaming energy prices, etc. have brought more uncertainty to the markets. It is now that the prices will be uncertain. It also meant that Russia decided to give nice big discounts on its energy products - oil, gas, etc. This meant energy prices were hit, and that was actually good for the world economy. Prices are down by at least 30% from its peak.

As a shareholder you got the best deal in March, 2020. As an investor you got the best deal to sell just before the Russian attack on Ukraine.

Remember when someone tells you "uncertainty is priced in" or "certainty is priced in" - they are guessing! The Market has an amazing capacity to price risk on a minute to minute basis. In March 2020 it did not know what the Covid attack will do. Now it is refusing to price in the Chinese Covid risk - the semiconductor companies must have stocked enough.

See how the market prices risk? First time there is a big discount. Second time it does not bother at all - the pricing is silently done, and quickly too!

FINANCIAL ADVICE

PV SUBRAMANYAM

writes at www.subramoney.com and has authored the best seller 'Retire Rich - Invest ₹ 40 a day'

Market timing is not something that I am suggesting. Selling when there is certainty and buying when there is uncertainty sounds very good, but let us leave that to the professionals. Also, you must have heard of a "K" shaped recovery - some companies do well and some do badly. So typically in March 2020 if you had sold Indigo and bought Zoom you would have benefitted. However, in about 5 months time, people start preparing for a "post-covid" world. So the same people who asked you to sell shares of Indigo would now be calling you to buy shares of Indigo! It is not so easy to do it in real time. After 2 years sitting in comfort and having hindsight of 20/20, we can make such comments!

Finding the best day to buy and the best day to sell is an Utopian delight.

Just that it never ever happens!

EXPRESS READ

LIC IPO subscribed 1.79 times on day 5

Mumbai: The LIC mega issue was subscribed 1.79 times on the penultimate day, with shares subscribed being 2.91 crore against the reserved quantity of 1.62 crore, at last count. Save for the QIB or institutional category, which was subscribed 0.67 times, all other shareholders, including non institutional, retail, employees and policyholders are oversubscribed. The value bid for at the upper end of the price band of ₹902-949, adjusted for employee, retail and policyholder discounts, stood at ₹26,403.95 crore against the reserved amount of 14,929.96 crore, excluding the anchor portion of ₹5627.27 crore. Total number of applications were 58.96 lakh.

State-run general insurers may get capital infusion of ₹3k-5k cr

NEW DELHI: The government may infuse ₹3,000-5,000 crore additional capital in the three public sector general insurance companies based on their performance and requirement during the year, sources said.

The capital infusion would help improve the financial health of the general insurance firms -- National Insurance Company Limited, Oriental Insurance Company Limited and United India Insurance Company.

In the last financial year, the government made capital infusion of ₹5,000 crore in these three insurance companies.

During 2020-21, ₹9,950 crore was infused in three PSU general insurers by the government out of which ₹3,605 crore was infused in United India Insurance, ₹3,175 crore in National Insurance and ₹3,170 crore in Oriental Insurance.

Fund support was given to the weak general insurance companies last financial year, some more fund requirement is there to bring them back on profitability path, sources said.

Capital infusion of ₹3,000-5,000 crore may be done in these companies based on their performance, sources said, adding, the government has already enhanced their authorised capital keeping further fund infusion in mind.

The three public sector general insurers are short of solvency margin and to improve operational efficiencies an external consultant will be appointed soon. Four public sector firms through General Insurers' Public Sector Association of India or GIPSA have issued a request for proposal (RFP) to reorganise the insurers, and achieve profitability and employee development.

"There is a proposal for restructuring the organisation to bring in profitable growth and employee development through performance management and capability management, in alignment with the Key performance indicators (KPIs) devised by the Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs)," the RFP said. *PTI*

Bitcoin price down; Experts say cryptocurrency assets can shed up to 20%

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FOR a few days now, the largest cryptocurrency by volume Bitcoin's price has been on a downward trajectory, and was standing at below $36,000 on Saturday. Though it started recovering, experts say the crypto markets will stay volatile for some more weeks.

Ever since the conflict in Ukraine, the cryptocurrency market has remained volatile, and in the last seven days, it has shed nearly 7%. The Ethereum price too continues to spiral, as in the last one week, it sank over 5%.

According to Vikram Subburaj, CEO, Giottus crypto exchange, crypto markets will stay volatile until investors, who are currently risk-off, turn to risk-on mode. In the coming months, the surge in dollar index DXY has to reverse before there are indications of a revival in stocks and crypto.

He says that Bitcoin and other crypto assets can potentially shed up to 20% or more from current levels before investor funds start flowing into the asset again.

Also, Bitcoin has been moving on a bearish consolidation due to several macroeconomic factors since April. The US Federal Reserve has pledged to reduce its $9 trillion debt burden, for which investors and institutions have paused on one side.

"As the Bitcoin futures contract has traded lower than the spot price for most of the month, this also shows that the market participants are a little hesitant to open long positions on BTC," says Edul Patel, Co-Founder and CEO, Mudrex, a crypto investing platform.

The global crypto market cap on Saturday was $1.66 trillion, a 0.65% increase over the previous day. What should investors do? Subburaj says they will be better off to stack cash and wait for signals of a reversal before allocating fresh capital to crypto. He anticipates a strong Q4 2022 for crypto assets.

While volatility continues, on the other hand, there has been a rise in digital asset adoption. A recent Coinbase report indicates that 33% of the British people own crypto. The report also adds that Bitcoin is the king of crypto in the UK.

Last month, the UK government spoke about its plans to create and issue its own non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

"Currently, a third of people in the UK hold crypto assets as regulatory and institutional bodies announced their decision to launch an NFT and regulate the sector. In California, the tech hub home to some of the largest innovators has also embraced digital assets with plans to regulate it - offering more clarity in the nascent space," says CoinDCX.

Edul Patel says this move is undoubtedly a progressive one. It seems that the UK government is catching up with the developments in the crypto ecosystem.

The idea to catch the attention of a wider mass through the massively popular NFT space could be ingenious. It will help bring awareness as the masses would now be looking at this space through a different lens. The government getting involved and taking such steps could be revolutionary for the ecosystem globally, he adds. However, [x]cube LABS has a different view. Investments in crypto have been on the rise for several years and NFTs are all the rage, so the launch of new NFTs is hardly surprising. "However, NFTs are not as novel as they used to be, and investors are also more cautious as more regulations emerge. While the investment is all set to continue at a steady pace and the crypto market will see growth, the launch of this NFT alone will not be a significant factor in it," says Nilesh Jahargidar, VP Marketing, [x]cube LABS.

Hetmyer leaves for Guyana, to return after first child's birth

Rajasthan Royals on Sunday said that their West Indian batter Shimron Hetmyer has left for Guyana for the birth of his first child. "We are helping him in every way we can, and our best wishes are with him and his wife Nirvani," the Royals said. They also said that Hetymer would return to Mumbai soon and resume his duties for the team for the remaining matches.

ROYALS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Hasaranga's five-wicket haul helps RCB avenge their first-leg loss against SRH

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

A GOLDEN duck and a diamond duck. The 54th match of the ongoing IPL season between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Sunrisers Hyderabad witnessed quite a bizarre start in both the innings at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai on Sunday.

Even as Virat Kohli's struggle with the bat continued with the former India captain getting out off the first ball of the match — his third golden duck this edition and sixth overall — a direct throw from Shahbaz Ahmed in the second innings sent Hyderabad skipper Kane Williamson back to the pavilion even before he faced a ball, thus registering a diamond duck against his name.

The jittery starts meant both the teams were 0/1 after the first ball of their respective innings. In such a situation, upcoming batters generally resurrect the innings by playing cautiously and getting runs on the board before breaking free. While the Bengaluru franchise did exactly the same as their skipper Faf du Plessis (unbeaten 73 off 50) along with Rajat Patidar (38-ball 48) added 104 for the second wicket before wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik went berserk, scoring an 8-ball 30 to help them post a formidable total of 192/3 in 20 overs.

On the contrary, Hyderabad's in-form opener Abhishek Sharma followed his captain back to the hut in the first over itself to derail their chase and they never recovered from there. Despite a fighting half-century from Rahul Tripathi (58 from 37 balls), they eventually folded out for 125 in 19.2 overs with Wanindu Hasaranga claiming five wickets for 18 runs — the best bowling figures in this season. The 67-run win also helped RCB avenge their shocking nine-wicket loss to SRH in the first leg where they had collapsed to 68 all out.

RCB's Wanindu Hasaranga (L) celebrates the wicket of Aiden Markram of SRH at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

Earlier, the slow left-arm orthodox bowler from Karnataka, Jagadeesha Suchith, opened the bowling for Hyderabad after the RCB skipper chose to bat first. Suchith's first delivery was a fuller one on the pads which Kohli flicked on the leg side only to offer a simple catch to Williamson at short-mid-wicket. Incidentally, Kohli was dismissed off the very first delivery he faced in the first-leg match between these two teams at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai last month.

Given Kohli's early dismissal, RCB could manage only 30 runs from the first five overs before Du Plessis and Patidar accumulated 17 runs from pacer Kartik Tyagi's first over, the sixth of the innings. The 2016 edition runners-up gained momentum thereafter as they amassed 30 runs from the next two overs, reaching the three-figure mark in the 12th over.

Patidar, the right-hand batter from Madhya Pradesh, departed in the next over, but Glenn Maxwell (33 off 24) along with Du Plessis kept the scoreboard ticking, stitching a 54-run partnership for the third wicket before Karthik provided the late flourish as he hit Afghan pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi's last four balls for 22 runs (three sixes and a four).

That last over of the innings by Farooqi, who was making his IPL debut, yielded 25 runs as RCB went past the 190-run mark.

Brief scores: RCB 192/3 in 20 ovs (Du Plessis 72 n.o, Patidar 48; Suchith 2/30) **bt** SRH 125 in 19.2 ovs (Tripathi 58; Hasaranga 5/18, Hazlewood 2/17).

CSK VS DC

CHENNAI DELIVER IMPORTANT WIN

NAVI MUMBAI: Knowing that they need to win their four games to keep their campaign alive, Chennai Super Kings openers Ruturaj Gaikwad and Devon Conway went after Delhi Capitals bowlers from ball one at DY Patil Stadium on Sunday. They added 57 runs in the powerplay with Conway playing the aggressor. While Gaikwad got out for 41 runs from 33 balls, the southpaw went on to smash 87 runs from 49 to put Chennai in command. Shivam Dube's 19-ball 32 and some late flourish from MS Dhoni, who hit 21 runs from 8 balls, helped CSK cross the 200-run mark. Anrich Nortje took three wickets for Delhi as Chennai finished with 208/6. In reply, Delhi were all out for 117 runs as Moeen Ali scalped three wickets to help CSK win by 91 runs.

Brief scores: Chennai Super Kings 208/6 in 20 ovs (Conway 87, Gaikwad 41; Nortje 3/42, Ahmed 2/28) vs Delhi Capitals.

TODAYS MATCH

Kolkata vs Mumbai @Navi Mumbai, 7:30 PM

Lovlina to begin India's campaign, faces Tokyo Oly quarterfinal opponent

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

THE focus will be on Indian women boxers for the next couple of weeks or so. With the IBA Women's World Championships set to kick off with the preliminary stages on Monday, it will be a massive opportunity for the pugilists to rise to the challenge and leave a notable impression. Lovlina Borgohain, who'll be taking part in an international meet for the first time since her historic bronze medal effort during the Olympics, will be the first from the country to take the ring.

And she has a tricky battle in store. The Assam pugilist, who has two medals to her name in the event, will be up against Chen Nien-chin of Chinese Taipei, a familiar rival whom she beat last year in the Olympics to confirm a medal.

The two have also met in this event, with Chen Nien-chin getting the better of Lovlina in the semifinals of the 2018 edition and going on to clinch the top prize. Having missed out on the all-important bout against Lovlina, Chen will have a score to settle. Lovlina and the Indian coaching staff will be aware of the same. "It won't be easy. We won't underestimate any boxers. Lovlina has been doing well in recent times and we're aware boxers from other nations will also be equally hungry. But, if we focus on our strengths and play to our potential, we can get the desired results," Bhatt assessed, a day before the start of the event.

Nikhat Zareen (52kg), who will be taking part in her second Worlds, will be one of the Indian boxers who'll be determined to play to her potential. She'll begin her campaign against Herrera Alvarez Fatima P of Mexico on Wednesday. Anamika (50kg), Shiksha (54kg), Manisha Moun (57kg), Jaismine (60kg), Ankushita Boro (66kg) and Saweety Boora (75kg) are all likely to have a big challenge at hand as their weight categories are part of the Paris Olympic programme.

"Those weight categories will have serious competition. However, our boxers have also prepared well and I'm sure they'll give a good fight," Bhatt noted. Ankushita is one of the boxers to get a bye and will begin her campaign from the Last 16 stage on May 15. Olympic champion (69kg), Busenaz Surmeneli, who shifted to 66kg, is one of the boxers in the draw.

With just 11 boxers in contention, experienced Pooja Rani (81kg) will begin her campaign in the Round of 16 stage and will face Timea Nagy of Hungary. Nandini, who competes in +81kg, needs just one win to seal a medal as there are only nine competitors in her event.

EXPRESS READ

Man City take grip of PL title race

MANCHESTER: Manchester City bounced back from their Champions League heartbreak to take a firm grip on the Premier League title race with a 5-0 win over Newcastle on Sunday. Raheem Sterling's double and goals from Aymeric Laporte, Rodri and Phil Foden moved Pep Guardiola's men three points clear of Liverpool with three games left to play.

Three new records in State Athletics C'ship

BENGALURU: Likhitha M, Aishwarya B and Akhilesh created new meet records in the opening day of the Karnataka State Athletics Championship in Udupi on Sunday. Likhitha clocked 53.18s to set the record in the 400m women's category, bettering Vijaya Kumari's record of 53.3s while Aishwarya B leapt 13.30 meters in the women's triple jump to eclipse Joyline M Lobo's record of 13.13. In the U-20 boy's triple jump, Akhilesh jumped 15.40m to break Arshad's record of 15.10m.

Bengaluru para swimmer Niranjan creates Asian record

Niranjan Mukundan delivered the goods as he broke a 12-year-old Asian record in 800m freestyle S7 category at the Para Swimming Cup 2022 on Sunday. The Bengaluru para swimmer clocked 11:17.22 seconds to finish first and break the previous record of 12:10.34, held by Kim Sejin in 2010. Overall, he managed to win an impressive haul of six medals, including three gold.

Indian men start campaign with win over Germany

AGENCIES @Bangkok

THE Indian men's badminton team began its Thomas Cup campaign in an emphatic manner, thrashing Germany 5-0 here on Sunday. World Championships bronze medallist Lakshya Sen started the proceeding with an easy 21-16 21-13 win over world no 64 Max Weisskirchen.

The doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirsg Shetty had to dig deep as they were stretched to a three gamer by Jones Ralfy Jansen and Marvin Seidel. But the Indians managed to prevail 21-15 10-21 21-13 in the match lasting close to an hour. World no 11 Kidambi Srikanth then eked out a 18-21 21-9 21-11 win over Kai Schafer after a sluggish start to give India an unassailable 3-0 lead in the Group C tie.

THOMAS & UBER CUP

MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila handed Bjarne Geiss and Jan Colin Voelker a 25-23 21-15 defeat in the second men's doubles tie as Indian continued its dominant display. HS Prannoy, ranked 23rd in the world, then hardly broke a sweat as he completed a 5-0 whitewash of Germany, with a 21-9 21-9 win over Matthias Kicklitz.

It was a perfect start for the Indian men's team, which is searching for its maiden medal at the tournament. No Indian men's team has ever reached the semifinals of the Thomas Cup. Last year, the men's team had signed off its campaign at the quarterfinal stage. Later in the day, the Indian women's team will open its campaign against Canada in Group D.

Top performers honoured at KSCA awards

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Cricket Association awards is an annual event, but the Covid-19 pandemic played spolisport for the last two years. So it was a busy night during the KSCA awards at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium as star performers from the past three seasons were honoured on Sunday.

Before the awards were distributed, several key office bearers of the KSCA gave short speeches.

One could sense a matter of pride when secretary Santosh Menon spoke how Bengaluru is one of BCCI's preferred destination for hosting domestic and international matches.

"The BCCI does not look beyond Karnataka and Bengaluru when it comes to hosting matches. It is true for Bengaluru, which is the only city in the country to have five such first-class grounds," Menon said.

Awardees 2021-22 (selected)

League: Group I, II Division: Highest run scorer : Kruthik Krishna (Jawahar I), highest wicket-taker: Aditya Mani (Herons), winner: Jawahar SC I. **Group I, I Division**: Highest run scorer: Mohammed Aqib (Modern), highest wicket-taker: Shreyas Gopal (Swastic Union I), winner: Rajajinagar Cricketers. **Inter-Club T20:** Highest run scorer: B.R. Sharath (Mount Joy), highest wicket-taker: Nischith Rao (Rajajinagar Cricketers), winner: Social Cricketers. **Special awards (state tournaments): Vijay Hazare Trophy:** Highest run scorer: R Samarth, highest wicket-taker: Pravin Dubey. **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy:** Highest run scorer: Manish Pandey, highest wicket-taker: K.C. Cariappa. **U-19 Men's Cooch-Behar Trophy** (Multi Day):Highest run scorer: Vishal Onat, highest wicket-taker: K. Shashikumar. **U-25 Men's One Day Trophy**: Highest run scorer: K.V. Aneesh, highest wicket-taker: M. Venkatesh. **U-19 Men's Vinoo Mankad Trophy (One Day)**: Highest run scorer: Aneeshwar Gautam, highest wicket-taker: Dhanush Gowda. **U-19 Women's One Day Trophy**: Highest run scorer: G.R. Prerana, highest wicket-taker: Chandasi Krishnamurthy. **Senior Women's One Day Trophy:** Highest run scorer: Vrinda Dinesh, highest wicket-taker: V. Chandu. **Women's T-20 Trophy**: Highest run scorer: Shubha Satheesh Highest Wicket Taker: V. Chandu.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: EEE/AEE(O)/MWD/HSN/T-272/2022-23/294-97 Date: 21.04.2022

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 67 and clause(c) of section 67(2) of the electricity supply Act- 2003 and the same is hereby published in pursuance of the said act. This notification is issued for the information of license holders and any other concerned persons particulars of the scheme are as hereunder.

Name of the Project: "Establishing 1x8MVA, 66/11kV Sub-station at Doddabemmathi **(Lingadahalli)** village, Arkalagudu Taluk, Hassan District and Construction of 66kV Single circuit line on DC towers from 66/11kV Substation at Doddamagge to the proposed 66/11kV Substation at Doddabemmathi for a distance of 11.707 kms in Arakalgudu Taluk, Hassan District"

Salient features: To Provide reliable and quality voltage supply and to meet the future load growth in and around **Doddabemmathi (Lingadahalli)** areas. **Areas passing throughVillages/Sy No's.: (1) Baraguru: 06, 05, 143, 142, 139, 140, 132 & 130 (2) Somanahalli: 36 & 37. (3) Kaniyaru: 10, 07, 06, 05, 19, 17, 18, 21, 38, 40, 33, 47, 46, 64, 52, 63, 62,53, 54, 55 & 56. (4) Bettadahalli: 06, 05, 03, 02, 89, 90, 91, 81, 80, 79, 78, 72 & 71. (5) Hulikallu: 131,132, 152, 154, 153,163, 164, 165, 218, 220, 221, 222, 227, 228, 247, 248, 245, 246, 244 & 241. (6) Mudaganuru: 118, 54, 135, 56, 57, 58, 62, 63, 34, 35, 30, 31, 29, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 106, 107, 105, 132, 125, 126, 104 & 103. (7) Mudaganuru Kaval: 01. (8) Jakkahalli: 08, 07, 21, 06 & 05. (9) Dadadahalli: 16, 15, 19, 20, 18 & 17. (10) Lingadahalli : 04.**

Estimated Cost: Rs.8.38 Crores

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph authorities possess under part III of the Indian Telegraphic Act-1885 for implementation of the above said schemes. Any objection regarding the above schemes shall be sent to the Executive Engineer(Ele), Major works Division, KPTCL, Hassan **within One Month** from the date of publication of notification .

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), Major Works Division, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavan, Santhepete, BM Road, Hassan-573 201.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. A1M1B3/Imported Coal/May 2022 Dated: 09.05.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two part system) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Name of Work: IMPORT AND SUPPLY OF 6.36 LAKH MT OF COAL FOR YERMARUS TPS OF RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED AND FOR BELLARY TPS AND RAICHUR TPS OF KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED OVER A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, ON FIRM PRICE BASIS. Tenders are invited from reputed mine owners and/or traders of imported coal meeting the Pre-Qualifying Requirements stipulated for Import and Supply of 6.36 lakh Metric Tonnes of Coal for Yermarus Thermal Power Station (YTPS) of Raichur Power Corporation Limited (RPCL), located at Chikkasugur, Raichur district, Karnataka, and for Bellary Thermal Power Station (BTPS) located at Kuditini, Bellary district & Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) located at Shakthinagar, Raichur district, Karnataka, of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) over a period of One year as per the terms and conditions detailed in the tender document. The tender processing fee and EMD payment through GoK e-procurement portal modes only. The tender document can be downloaded from the website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **17:00 Hrs on 07.06.2022.** Further details can be had from **The Superintending Engineer (Mines),** KPCL, No. 82, Shakti Bhavan, III Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Mobile: 94495 98901. Telefax: 080-22203894. E-mail: sefuels@gmail.com/cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, item- rate tenders are invited for the following work:

Sl.No.	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Replacing existing false flooring in 4m TDACS Server room and TVAC & CCF lab, 1st floor, main building at URSC campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/01/2022-23 dated: 05.05.2022
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 19.16 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
5	Period of completion	SIX MONTHS
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 38,320/- valid for 180 days
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 09.05.2022 to 16.30 hrs on 23.05.2022
8	Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 10.05.2022 to 17.00 hrs on 24.05.2022
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 25.05.2022
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 26.05.2022
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs onwards on 26.05.2022

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Group Director (C&MG)

The Gajendragad Weavers Co-Operative Production Society Ltd., Gajendragad-582114

Tq: Gajendragad Dist: Gadag

Ref:TGWCS/GDG/2022-23/01 Dated-07-05-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Notice Inviting E-Tender for The Supply of Wooden Frame Loom,Jacquard, Motorised jacquard Lifting Divice, Dobby, Mutiple Box DiviceMachine, Warp Beam, Loom Accessories, Motorised pirn Cum DabbaWinding Machine Motorised Warping Machine for Gajendragad Cluster Under NHDP Cluster Development Programme

Tender Number:DOC/2022-23/IND225

Date of Commencement of Tender	07-05-2022
Place of Availability of Tender Document	https://www/eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Last Date and Time for receipt of Tender	24-05-2022 at 06.00 P.M
Time and Date of Opening of Tenders	Technical Bid 25-05-2022 at 11.00 A.M
EMD	Rs. 1,47,600/-
Tender Amount	73.80 Lakhs

Sd/-
Secretary
The Gajendragad weavers Co-Operative Production Society Ltd., Gajendragad

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Ref. No : 1897/T4/TPT/2019 **TENDER NOTICE** Dt : 06.05.2022

The TCMPF Ltd., invite Two Part Tenders by way of OFF-LINE / E-SUBMISSION from the Private tanker providers / contractors for following contract works:

Sl. No	Name of the Work	Pre-bid Meeting	Tender Submission	Technical bid opening
1.	Supply of **375 nos.** of Various capacities **Road Milk Tankers** on hire for transportation of milk from/to DCMPU dairies/chilling centers / bulk milk coolers of **Tamilnadu / Andhrapradesh / Karnataka / Kerala / Telengana** states and other dairies for the period of 3 years (2022 – 2025)	25.05.2022 at 03.00 P.M. (Wednesday)	09.06.2022 up to 01.00 P.M. (Thursday)	09.06.2022 at 03.05 P.M. (Thursday)

Document sale between **11.05.2022 to 08.06.2022 from 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M** and On **09.06.2022 from 10.00 A.M to 12.00 Noon.** The Tender Form cost of Rs.2000 + 18% GST and Rs. 100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and other details, refer website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.aavinmilk.com** for off line/ **www.tntenders.gov.in for E-submissions.** Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost.

DIPR/ 2182 /TENDER/2022 DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (Engg)

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No:EE/PWD/KD/TS-4/Tender Notification/2022-23/579 Date:29.04.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender for the 4 works under KKRDB Micro and 4059 Department Building Head of account through e-portal Indent No. 147701/call-3, 151910, 151476, and 151393, 2) Estimated Cost: Min Rs, 88.19 Lakhs, Max. Rs, 153.05 Lakhs, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class I, and Class II, 4) Tender fees and EMD details: Application fees as per e-procurement EMD Min Rs, 177000.00 Max. Rs. 230000.00, 5) Date of Pre-Bid meeting:17/05/2022 (11.00 Hrs), 6) Last date for queries: 18/05/2022 (17.30 Hrs), 7) Last date for submission of tender: 19/05/2022 (16.00 Hrs), 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid: 21/05//2022 (16.30 Hrs), 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid : 25/05/2022 (16.30 Hrs), 10) Address for Enquiries & Clarifications : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Website: www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/ - Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/122/MC&A/2022-23

ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04–11–2009 ರಂದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಇದೇ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯ ಷಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನದಟ್ಟಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ವಿಧಿ 28(3) ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆದೇಶ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ, 1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ವಿಧಿ 28(4)ರ (1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 18) ದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಹೋಬಳಿ : ಕಸಬಾ ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಕೆಲ್ಲಂಬಳ್ಳಿ

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಖಾತಾದಾರರ / ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗುಂ) ಜಏನ್	ಖರಾಬು	ಬಾಕಿ	ತರಹೆ	ಆಕಾರ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ ಪೂರ್ವ	ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ	ಉತ್ತರ	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
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1	489	ಯೇಸುದಾಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಣ್ಣ	4–00	–	4–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	3.76	118	118	445	118
2	490	ದೊಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಯ್ಯ	4–00	–	4–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	3.76	118	445	118	492
3	491	ಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ	4–00	–	4–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	3.76	118	118	81, 118	118
4	492	ಮನೆಯಯ್ಯನ ಮಗಳು ದೇವಮ್ಮ	4–00	–	4–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	3.76	450	492	492	446, 447
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1.	ಕೆಲ್ಲಂಬಳ್ಳಿ	16–00	–	16–00
	ಒಟ್ಟು	16–00	–	16–00

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಆದೇಶಾನುಸಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ
(ಎನ್. ಕುಮಾರ್)
ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (ಕೈಅ),
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is issued for the information by General public that my client **JAYALAKSHMI W/o. M.D.Ramakrishnaiah** lost the original title / sale deed No.BNG (U) – KNGR/1785/2008-2009 near Kengeri Bus Stop. All that piece and parcel of the above mentioned property. Now numbered as on 113/2089/2/2 BY BBMP measuring East to West 45 feet, North to South 61 feet bounded on : **East by:** House No.1, **West by :** House No.3, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Road. Immediately after my client lodged the police complaint vide lost report No. 0206996/2022 dated: 21-04-2022. So for the aforesaid title deed is not traced.
the finder of the title deed may kindly contact the under mentioned advocate within **7 days** from this public notice will be suitable rewards by my client.

M. Amaravathi, Advocate,
Roll No. 1915/12, R/at No. 2373/F, Vijayanagar RPC Layout, Bangalore-560040
M : 9945865369

ದಾಖಲೆ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿದೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 049, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪೂರ್ವ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬಿದರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಆವಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮನೆ ನಂ. 199ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಲೇಟ್ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶಪ್ಪನವರ ಮಗನಾದ **ವಿ. ನಾಗರಾಜ್** ಆದ ನಾನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನಾನು ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಯಂ ನಿವಾಸಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ನನ್ನ ಕುಟುಂಬದವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–08–2004ರಂದು 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ನಂ.ಕೆಆರ್‌ಪಿ–1–12711–2004–05 ರಂತೆ ಸಿ.ಡಿ ನಂ.ಕೆಆರ್‌ಪಿಡಿ69 ರಂತೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಪತ್ರ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲ ಪ್ರತಿ ನಾವು ಆವಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯನ್ನು ಖಾಲಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಎಷ್ಟೇ ಹುಡುಕಿದರೂ ಸಿಗದಿದ ಕಾರಣ ನಾನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 6–5–2022ರಂದು ಆವಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಗೆ ದೂರನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಯಾರಿಗಾದರು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಸಿಕ್ಕಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ತಮ್ಮ ವಶದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಕೋರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have agreed to purchase of all that Property bearing No.862 and 863/A, 8'h Block, Koramangala, Ward No.67, Bangalore, amalgamated BBMP New Municipal No.862 (PID No.67-6-862), measuring East to West: 12 metres and North to South: 18.25 metres, totally measuring 218.91 square metres with the building thereon, from its owners **(1) Ms. SAYRA BAI,** wife of Mohamed Suleman and **(2) Mr. MOHAMMED FARUQUE,** son of Noor Mohamed Kasam, both residing at No.6, M.A. Manzil, 5th Cross, Rose Garden, Neelasandra, Bangalore - 560 047. Any person or persons having any claim, objections etc., in respect of the said sale transaction pertaining to said Property may lodge the same with documentary evedenee, with the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication on of this Notice. Otherwise my client will proceed with the transaction treating that there are no claims or objections.

(B.R. V/SWANATH) Advocate
No 14/8 II Floor, Jain Temple Street, V .V.Puram, BANGALORE-4.
Place : Bangalore
Date : 05.2022

IN THE COURT OF THE 63rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE P & S C No. 167 OF 2022. CCH - 64

BETWEEN:
1. Smt HARILAKSHMI W/o Late N G V Subramanian, Aged about 80 years, Residing at No 446, First Floor, 7th Cross, 2nd Main, NAGASHETTYHALLI, BANGALORE 560 094, ADHAAR No: 499159626326,
2. Smt G DEVI MEENAKSHI, D/o Late N G V Subramanian, Aged about 56 years, Residing at No TF3, Sindhu Block Parsn Symphony, 4th Street, K K Pudur, Coimbatore North, TAMILNADU 641038, ADHAAR No 4712 1055 4787,
3. Smt G SATHYA, D/o Late N G V Subramanian, Aged about 55 years, Residing at Swathi Enclave, Flat A, first floor, 47, Serigundam Road, Chengalapettu Taluk, S P Koli, Singaperumalkoil, Singaperumalkoil, Kancheepuram, TAMILNADU 603204 ADHAAR NO: 5304 3463 5151
4. Smt SRIVIDHYA SURESH, D/o Late N G V Subramanian, Aged about 51 years, Residing at No 446, 7th Cross, 2nd Main, Nagashetty Halli, /BANGALORE 560 094 ADHAAR No 4060 1812 7322,
5. Sri NARAYAN G, S/o Late N G V Subramanian, Aged about 47 years, Residing at No 446, 7th Cross, 2nd Main, Nagashetty Halli, BANGALORE 560 094 ADHAAR No:8666 1081 8565 **...Petitioners**
AND
Nil **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of succession certificate in favour of the petitioner, No. 5 in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by **Late N G V Subramanian** husband of Petitioner No 1 and father of Petitioner No 2 to 5 herein who expired **on 16/01/2022.**
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 4-6-2022 at 11.00 am** inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and respondents nil be considered.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	IS IN	COMPANY NAME	SCRIP TYPE
1.	INE674K01013	Aditya Birla Capital Limited	EQ
2.	INE021A01026	Asian Paints Limited	EQ NEW FV RE 1/-
3.	INF846K01164	Axis Mututal Fund	Long Term Equity-RG PL Growth open Ended
4.	INF846K01131	Axis Mututal Fund	Long Term Equity-RG PL Growth open Ended
5.	INF846K01131	Axis Mututal Fund	Long Term Equity-RG PL Growth open Ended
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12.	INF846K01131	Axis Mututal Fund	Long Term Equity-RG PL Growth open Ended
13.	INE296A01024	Bajaj Finance Limited	EQ NEW FV RS 2/-
14.	INEOAEJ01013	Birla Tyres Limited	EQ
15.	INF760K01AR3	Canara Robeco Mutual Fund	Bluechip EQ FD Regular Growth
16.	INE067A01029	C G Power and Industrial Solutions limited	EQ NEW FV RS 2/-
17.	INE016M01021	Diligent Media Corporation Limited	EQ NEW FV RE 1/-
18.	INE066A01021	Eicher Motors Limited	EQ NEW FV RE 1/-
19.	INFO90101981	Frankllin Temleton Asset Management (I) Pvt. Ltd.	Indiafocused EQ FD GRTH OP
20.	INE040A01034	HDFC Bank Limited	EQ NEW FV RE 1/-
21.	INF179K01BE2	HDFC Mutual Fund	Top 100 Fund Regular Growth
22.	INE090A01021	ICICI Bank Limited	EQ NEW FV RS 2/-
23.	INF109K01BU5	ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund	Banking and Fin Services Growth OP
24.	INF109K01BL4	ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund	Bluechip Fund Growth
25.	INF109K01AF8	ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund	Value Discovery Fund Growth Open Ended
26.	INE095A01012	Indusind Bank Limited	EQ
27.	INE009A01021	Infosys Limited	EQ FV RS 5/-
28.	INEOBY001018	Jubilant Ingrevia Limited	EQ
29.	INF174K01F59	Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund	Banking ETF DIVI pay QP
30.	INF174K01336	Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund	Standard Multicap Fund Regular Growth
31.	INE018A01030	Larsen and Tourbo Limited	EQ NEW FV RS 2/-
32.	INF769K01010	Mirae Asset Mutual Fund	Large Cap Fund Reg PL Grwt Open ED
33.	INF732E01045	Nippon India Mutual Fund	ETF Junior Bees
34.	INF204KB1412	Nippon India Mutual Fund	Reliance ETF Nifty BeES
35.	INE752E01010	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited	EQ
36.	INE217K01011	Reliance Home Finance Ltd	EQ
37.	INE002A01018	Reliance Industries Limited	EQ
38.	INF200KA1Y40	SBI Mutual Fund	Balanced Advantage FD RG PL Growth
39.	INF200K01180	SBI Mutual Fund	Blue Chip Fund Regular Plan Growth Open Ended
40.	INF200K01370	SBI Mutual Fund	FOCD EQ FD Regualr Growth
41.	INF200KA1FS1	SBI ETF Nifty	SO Open Ended
42.	INE671H01015	Sobha Limited	EQ
43.	INE062A01020	State Bank of India	EQ NEW RE 1/-
44.	INF903JA11ZE	Sundaram Mutual Fund	Blue Chip Fund Regular Plan Growth
45.	INE467BB01029	Tata Consultancy Services	EQ NEW FV RE 1/-
46.	INE669C01036	Tech Mahindra Limited	EQ NEW FV RS 5/-
47.	INE245A01021	The Tata Power Company Ltd	EQ NEW FV RE 1/-
48.	INE758T01015	Zomato Limited	EQ

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 21st day of April 2022

Advocate for Services
K.R.PARASHURAM
No Flat No. 3, Between 10th and 11th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR CITY CIVIL COURT, BENGALURU

IN THE COURT OF XLIV ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH No. 45)

EX. No. 2776/2018

BETWEEN : SYED SALEEM PASHA S/o Syed Amjad Pasha, Age: 31 years R/at No.26/6, 3rd Main, 5th Cross, Bismillah Nagar, Bannerghtta Road, Bengaluru-560029. **...Decree Holder**
AND: 1. SHAMASHUDNNISSA, W/o late Mohammed Samiulla, Aged about 54 years
2. MOHAMMED THOUSIF, S/o late Mohammed Samiulla, Aged about 27 years
3. SHAZIYA, D/o late Mohammed Samiulla, Aged about 25 years
All are residing at No. 11, 3rd Cross, Annayappa Block, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046.
...Judgement Debtor

NOTICE TO THE JUDGEMENT DEBTOR

1. SHAMASHUDNNISSA, W/o late Mohammed Samiulla, Aged about 54 years
2. MOHAMMED THOUSIF, S/o late Mohammed Samiulla, Aged about 27 years
3. SHAZIYA, D/o late Mohammed Samiulla, Aged about 25 years
All are residing at No. 11, 3rd Cross, Annayappa Block, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046.
...Judgement Debtor

WHEREAS, the Decree Holder have instituted the above execution petition against you in the above case, you are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an Advocate/ Pleader **on 15.6.2022 at 11.00 am** to answer the same inspite of this summons and notice, if you fail to appear on that day, the above suit/application will disposed of exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.84, Layout formed by the MICO Shramajeevi Karmikara Gruha Niramana Sahakara Niyamitha Bangalore, out of Sy.No. 108, 109, 110 and 112, situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and the layout plan approved by the BDA vide resolution 306, dated:02/05/1973 and other No.CITB/DDTOP/952/75-76 dated: 19/11/1975, measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1350 Sq.ft sheet roof house bounded on the:
East by : Site No.67, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.83, **South by :** Site No.85.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 22.4.2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff:
MOHAMMED AYUB ALI, Advocate
BHANDARI ASSOCIATES
No. 144, 6th Cross, K.E.B Layout, Sanjayangar, Bangalore - 560094.

IN THE COURT OF THE 27TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE P & Sc. No.259/2022

BETWEEN: 1. Mrs. C.K. ANURADHA, AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, W/O LATE M.N. NARAKESARI, **2. SWATHI NARAKESARI,** AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, D/O LATE M.N. NARAKESARI, **3. SNEHA .N,** AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS, D/O LATE M.N. NARAKESARI, All are R/at No.224, 9TH CROSS, TELECOM LAYOUT, PIPE LINE, VIJAYANAGAR , BANGALORE - 560040. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ... **RESPONDENTS**

Whereas the above named Petitioners have made a Petition to this Court (CCH NO.9) under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act praying for issue of Succession Certificate for getting the schedule assets transferred to the name of the 1st petitioner. The 1st petitioner is the wife of the deceased Sri. M.N. Narakesari and 2nd and 3rd petitioners are children of the deceased Sri. M.N. Narakesari. The schedule mentioned below belongs to Sri. M.N. Narakesari, who expired on 08-01-2022.
Interested Parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **06-06-2022** at 11 o' clock in forenoon to Show Cause against the Petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE

(1) LIC POLICY BEARING NO.613525502 PLAN NO.842 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE POLICY 12-04-2019 DATE OF PROPOSAL 12-04-2019, (on terms Annuity for life and return of purchase price on death); (2) LIC POLICY NO.607447234 PLAN NO.842 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY 12-04-2019 DATE OF MATURITY 12-04-2029; (3) LIC POLICY BEARING NO.607447235 PLAN NO.189 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE POLICY 12-04-2019 (on terms Annuity for life and return of purchase price on death)
The values of polices is Rs 95,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety five lakhs only)
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 4th day of May 2022.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate: **B.G. SRIRAM**
No.65, 13th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 10.06.2022

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Actual Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on **10.06.2022** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**
The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **09.06.2022 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Boe Garment Accessories (India) Pvt Ltd, Represented by its Directors Mrs.G.Kavitha and Mr.R.Shashank,** Addressed at: No.16/B, Ground Floor, 35th Main, 4th C Cross, Jaimaruthinagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru – 560096, **(2) Mrs.G.Kavitha,** W/o Mr.N.Ganesan, **(3) Mr. R. Shashank,** S/o Mr. Ramakrishnan, **Both 2 & 3 are addressed at :** TF-301, 3rd Floor, Phoenix Eterno, 1st Cross, Someshwaranagar, Bengaluru– 560022. **Loan A/c No:** **(1) PSOD A/c No.1047000601218701** **(2) PSTL A/c No.1047001800159001**	**Rs. 1,18,83,048.29** **(1). Rs. 70,12,802.10 01.05.2022** **(2). Rs. 48,70,246.19 28.04.2022**	**23.12.2021 Actual**	All that part and parcel of Residential property bearing **Municipal No.10, measuring 930 sq.ft (East to West: 30 ft and North to South: 31 ft), PID No.11-39-10/5, Sy No.7** of Jarakabandekaval, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, situated at 2nd Cross, 4th Block, Gorguntepalya, Bengaluru, **belonging to Mrs.G.Kavitha.** **Boundaries of property as per Document:** **East :** Road, **West :** Property of Mr.Krishnamurthy **North :** Property of Mr.Rangappa, **South :** Remaining portion of the property bearing Site No.10 of Muniraju	**Rs. 65,76,000.00**	**Rs. 6,57,600.00**	**10.05 A.M to 10.25 A.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Basaveshwarnagar Branch, A/c No: 1043500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000104**
2	**(1) M/s Jai Keerthi Engg Solutions, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Jayaramu D.S, (2) Mr. Jayaramu D.S,** S/o Mr. Siddaiah M, **(3) Mrs. Gowramma D.Y,** W/o Mr. Jayaramu D.S, **All are addressed at :** #105, 6th Main Road, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560098 **Loan A/c No:** **PSOD A/c No.1057000600072501**	**Rs. 27,64,861.85** **01.05.2022**	**15.03.2022 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the Southern half portion of **New Municipal No.2, BBMP PID No.42-4-2, Property No.28, measuring 600 Sq.ft [East to West – 30 feet, North to South – 20 feet]** , with Residential Building constructed thereon [GF+FF+SF+ Head Room] , totally measuring BUA 1256.33 Sq.ft as per plan, 1600 Sq.ft as per actual , situated at 3rd B Main, 11th Cross, 2nd Stage, Bapujinagar, Harijana Colony, Kempapura Agrahara, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mrs.Gowramma D.Y. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road, **West :** Property No.22, **North :** Northern Half Portion of New Municipal No.2, **South :** Property No.27.	**Rs. 50,50,000.00**	**Rs. 5,05,000.00**	**10.35 A.M to 10.55 A.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Vijayanagar Branch, A/c No: 1053500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000105**
3	**(1) Mr. Shamanna M ,** S/o Mr. Narasapurada Muniyappa, **(2)Mrs. Vanajakshi,** W/o Mr. Shamanna M, **(3) Mr. Mohan Kumar,** S/o Mr. Shamanna M, **(4) Mr. Girish Kumar,** S/o Mr. Shamanna M, **All are addressed at :** No.50/57, 3rd Main, NS Palya, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru–560076 **Loan A/c No:** **TL A/c No.0987001600566801**	**Rs. 21,32,717.27** **27.04.2022**	**23.02.2022 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of Northern portion of property bearing **Site No.80/57, Municipal No.8, PID No.65-126-8, measuring 1,760.00 Sq.ft [East to West – 80 feet, North to South – 22 feet), with Residential Building** constructed thereon (GF+FF) measuring 2465 Sq.ft as per plan, 2500 Sq.ft as per actual, situated at 3rd Main (5th Main), Nayanappa Shetty Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Ward No.65, Bilekahalli Grama Panchayath, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Shamanna M. Boundaries of property as per Document : East** : Road, **West :** Property belonging to Mr. Shamanna, **North :** Property belonging to Mr. Abbayya and Mrs. Vajramma, **South :** Remaining property in the same Grama Thana of Khata No.80/57 belonging to Mr. Munivenkatappa M.	**Rs. 1,26,25,000.00**	**Rs. 12,62,500.00**	**4.15 P.M to 4.35 P.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Sarakki Layout Branch A/c No: 0983500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000098**
4	**(1) Mrs. Lakshmi N,** W/o Mr. Umesh Reddy, **(2) Mr. Umesh Reddy,** S/o Mr. Chikkapiah Reddy, **Both are addressed at :** Site No.175, Sy.No.216/3, 5th Cross, Park Vista, Addevishwanathpura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru – 560064 **Loan A/c No:** **PSTL A/c No.1137001600083001**	**Rs. 81,78,109.85** **08.04.2022**	**27.01.2022 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of Converted Site bearing **No.175, EKatha No.150200200600302835 , measuring 297.02 Smt or 3196 Sq.ft, with Residential building constructed thereon [GF+FF+SF]** measuring total BUA 3685.35 Sq.ft as per plan, situated in the layout known as "Prasiddhi Park Vista", in Sy.No.216/3 of Addeevishwanathpura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, belonging to **Mrs.Lakshmi N. Boundaries of property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Road/Road, **West by :** Site no 197/Vacant Site, **North by :** Site no.174/Vacant Site, **South by :** Road /Road.	**Rs. 1,11,10,000/-**	**Rs. 11,11,000.00**	**11.30 AM to 11.50 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Sanjaynagar Branch A/c No: 1133500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000113**
5	**(1) Mr. Murthy M,** S/o Late Mr. Muniyappa, **(2) Mrs. Yasodha S Alias Yasodhamma S,** W/o Mr. Murthy M, **Both addressed at:** No.38/1, Muniyappa Building, 3rd Cross, Pipeline Road, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru – 560057 **Loan A/c No:** **TL A/c No.9047001600028601**	**Rs. 54,97,979.08** **27.04.2022**	**15.03.2022 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of residential property bearing **Site No.588, measuring 2880 sqft (East to West – [71'+73'] /2 ft, North to South – 40ft), along with Residential building measuring 2085 sqft,** situated in Khata No.2196, 14th Cross, BBMP Ward No.14, Mysore Electrical Industries Employees HBCS Ltd., Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk - 560073, belonging to **Mr. Murthy M and Mrs. Yasodhamma S. Boundaries of property (As per Deed/Actual) East by:** Road/ 14th Main Road, **West by:** Site No.605/Vacant Plot, **North by:** Site No.589/Vacant Plot, **South by:** Site No.587/No.587, 2 Floor Residential Building.	**Rs. 2,02,00,000.00**	**Rs. 20,20,000.00**	**01.00 PM to 01.20 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-.**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Hesaraghatta Main Road Branch A/c No: 9043500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000904**
6	**(1) Mr. Prathap Kumar G N,** S/o Mr. Nagaraju, **(2) Mrs. Manjula G N,** W/o Mr. Prathap Kumar G N, **Both addressed at:** No.12, 1st Main, Bhoomika Layout, Heseraghatta Main Road, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru – 560090 **Loan A/c No:** **1) TL A/c No.9047001600025701** **2) PSTL A/c No.9047001800028701**	**Rs. 34,07,824.56** **(1). Rs. 22,96,600.47 18.04.2022** **(2). Rs. 11,11,224.09 10.04.2022**	**15.03.2022 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of residential land **measuring 1200 sqft (East to West – 40ft, North to South – 30ft) bearing Site No.12, BBMP Khata No.1137, formed in Sy.No.17/1,** with a residential building constructed thereon situated at Shidedahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk – 560107, belonging to **Mr. Prathap Kumar GN. Boundaries of property (As per Deed/Actual) East by:** Layout of the Kirloskar House Building Co- operative Society/Vacant Plot **West by:** 30ft Road/Road, **North by:** Site No.11/No.11, 3 Floor Stone Building, **South by:** Site No.13/Building Under Construction	**Rs. 1,01,00,000.00**	**Rs. 10,10,000.00**	**12.30PM to 12.50 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-.**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Hesaraghatta Main Road Branch, A/c No: 9043500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000904**
7	**I) (1) M/s Swarna Dairy Foods, Partnership firm being represented by its Partners: (a) Mrs. Vanaja Devaraj N, (b) Mrs, Nagarathna D R, (2) Mrs. Nagarathna D R,** W/o Shadakshari, **No.1 and 2 addressed at:** No.32, Vidya Ganapathi Devasthan Trust, Basement, 5th Main, Mathai Building, Prashanthnagar, T Dasarahalli, Officers Model Colony, Bengaluru – 560057, **(3) Mrs. Vanaja Devaraj N,** W/o Mr. Devaraj N, **(4) Mr. Devaraj N,** S/o Mr. Nagappa, **No.3 and 4 addressed at:** No.30, 6th Cross, Jayamma Building, Rukmininagar, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073. **II) (1) Mr. Devaraj N,** S/o Mr. Nagappa, **(2) Mrs. Vanaja Devaraj N,** W/o Mr. Devaraj N, **Both addressed at:** No.30, 6th Cross, Jayamma Building, Rukmininagar, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073,. **Loan A/c No:** **1) PSOD A/c No.9047000600004301** **2) PSTL A/c No. 9047001800036701** **3) TL A/c No.9047001600010601**	**Rs. 26,22,750.08** **(1). Rs. 10,63,137.00 01-05-2022** **(2). Rs. 2,40,184.91 01.05.2022** **(3). Rs. 13,19,428.17 27.04.2022**	**04.01.2022 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of the Residential property **measuring 1521 sqft (East to West-39ft., North to South-39ft.) bearing Site No.7, Khata No.236, (Old No.63), Assessment No.4, Khaneshumari No.7, togther with building constructed thereon,** situated at Nelagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru – 560073, belonging to **Mr. Devaraj N and Mrs. Vanaja Devaraj N. Boundaries of property (As per Deed/Actual) East by:** 30 ft. Road / Road, **West by:** Property No.06 / Private property, **North by:** 30ft Road / Road, **South by:** C N Narayanappa's Property / Private property.	**Rs. 60,60,000.00**	**Rs. 6,06,000.00**	**2.00 P.M to 2.20 P.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-.**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Hesaraghatta Main Road Branch, A/c No: 9043500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000904**
8	**(1) Mrs. Usha K,** W/o Mr. Kumar Aditya Alias Kumar, **(2) Mr. Kumar Aditya Alias Kumar,** S/o Mr. Anthony Das, **Both are addressed at:** 11, Om Sri Sai Nilaya, 1st Cross, S Ramesh Road, Prashanthnagar, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru – 560057, **Both are also addressed at:** 22, Om Sri Sai Nilaya, Kammagondanahalli, Abbigere Main Road, WIN MAC Circle, Near Bridge North Side Park Apartment, Bengaluru – 560015, **Loan A/c No:** **PSTL A/c 1267001800046801**	**Rs. 24,53,351.41 05.04.2022**	**04.01.2022 Constructive**	All that piece and parcel of Residential Property **measuring 1000 sqft (East to West – 40 ft, North to South – 25 ft) together with building constructed thereon bearing Site No.22, New PID No.012-W0433-2, formed in Sy.No.26/2,** situated at Abbigere Main Road, Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru – 560015, belonging to **Mrs.Usha K. Boundaries of property (As per Deed/Actual): East by:** Site No.26/Residential building, **West by:** Road/Road,**North by:** Site No.21/Vacant Site and Sheet Roof Building, **South by:** Site No.23/Residential building.	**Rs. 56,56,000.00**	**Rs. 5,65,600.00**	**11.00 AM to 11.20 AM**	**Rs. 50,000/-.**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch, A/c No: 1263500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000126**
9	**(1) M/s S.A Polymers, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Narasoji Rao,** #10, 6th Cross, Shivanandanagar, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru – 560072,**(2)Mr. Narasoji Rao,** S/o Mr. M. Gangoji Rao, **(3)Mr. Kumar Rao G,** S/o Mr. M. Gangoji Rao, **(4) Mrs. Vanitha Bai M.S,** W/o Mr. G. Narasoji Rao, **No.2 to 4 are addressed at :** #36, 1st A Cross, Anubhava Nagar, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bengaluru – 560072 , **Loan A/c No:** **PIOD A/c No.1057000700014701**	**Rs. 21,94,366.58 01.05.2022**	**23.12.2021 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of immovable property bearing **New Municipal No.36, PID No.35-132-36, measuring 1200 Sq.ft [East to West – 30 feet, North to South – 40 feet], with Residential Building constructed thereon [GF+FF+Tr.F] measuring total BUA 140.53 Smt, 1512 Sq.ft,** situated at 1st A Cross, Anubhavanagara, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mrs. Vanitha Bai M.S. Boundaries of property As per Document/Actual : East :** Property No.19/Property No.19, **West :** Property No.16/A, Residential Building, **North:** Propertyof Mohandas/Residential Building, **South :** Road/Road.	**Rs. 1,06,66,000.00**	**Rs. 10,66,600.00**	**11.05 A.M to 11.25 A.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Vijayanagar Branch, A/c No: 1053500200004101 IFSC Code - KARB0000105**

(The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https//karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://bankauctions.in on 10.06.2022 at above mentioned time** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending Bidder is required to register their name at **https://bankauctions.in** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e online training on e-auction **(tentatively on 09.06.2022))** from **M/s 4 Closure, Mr. S. Bhaskar Naidu (Assistant Manager), C/o Vedam Jagannadham, #65/66, D. Kamakshamma Layout, Yelahanka Old Town, Bengaluru - 560064, Mobile No: 9515160061, E-mail- bhaskar@bankauctions.in**

Date: 06.05.2022
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)
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IDFC FIRST Bank

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	10075272928	PBB-Dynamic-Overdraft-Secured	1. Aadaana International Private Limited 2. Shreyanshanath Chintappanavar 3. Shruthi Chintappanavar 4. Sushma B Deve	29.04.2022	INR 1,95,20,021.00/-	**All That Piece And Parcel Of** Residential Row House Bearing No. 6 In Bloc "ZOE" Of "ZEUS" Measuring 5118 Sq. Ft. (Super Built-up Area), Property Presently Bearing Municipal No. 9, Earlier Comprised Of Sy. No. 59/1, Measuring 0-23 Guntas And Sy. No. 59/3, Measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas, Situated At Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Aneka Taluk, Ward No. 191, Measuring In All About 91595.28 Sq. Ft., And **Bounded As: East:** Tank Bed And Lake's Boundary **West:** Land Belongs To Srinivas Reddy **North:** Road **South:** Tank Bed And Land Belonging To Raghuram Reddy
2	10044735178 10045032049 10061705030 & 10073954991	PBB-Dynamic-Overdraft-Secured & PBB-Dynamic-Dropline-Overdraft & EdgsWCTL	1. M/s Sri Gayatri Devi Enterprises 2. Pradeep Kumar U S 3. Kasthuri Uthaya Kumar	28.04.2022	INR 1,69,32,322.00/-	**All That Piece And Parcel Of** Immovable Property Bearing Site No. 39/37, BBMP Pid No. 34-71-67, Situated At 1st 'E' Cross, Remco Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Property Now Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Ward No. 34, RPC Layout, With New Municipal No. 67, Measuring East To West: 40 Feet And North To South: 30 Feet, Totally Measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., Together With Exiting Building Thereon And **Bounded On: East:** 30 Feet Road **West:** Site No. 39/4 And 39/5 **North:** Site No. 39/36 **South:** Site No. 39/38

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)**. Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

Date : 09.05.2022
Place : Bangalore

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DAY'S DIARY

Premier murdered

Former Italian premier Aldo Moro, whose kidnapping by Marxist urban guerrillas stunned the world, was found shot to death on May 9, 1978

DEMANDS AND NEGOTIATIONS

Moro was kidnapped in Rome by the Red Brigades. After 54 days and refusal by the government to release 13 members of the group on trial, Moro was murdered in or near Rome

ON TRIAL

An Italian jury sentenced 32 members of the Red Brigades to life in prison for the kidnapping and murder of Moro and other crimes

TAKEN TO THE SCREEN

A controversial feature film, *The Moro Affair*, rekindled debate in Italy on whether the former Prime Minister's life could have been saved

Sonal Monteiro on working with Yograj Bhat

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Hot Chocolate Fudge

Dew Drop Sundae

Death By Chocolate

Death By Chocolate, Hot Chocolate Fudge and Cake Fudge... As the city's favourite ice cream parlour Corner House turns 40 this month, owner A Narayan Rao tells *CE* how he's been sweetening the life of B'lureans

SWEET SPOT

MONIKA MONALISA

BENGALURU girl Deepika Padukone once tweeted, "Hrithik Roshan in *War* is like Death By Chocolate (an ice cream flavor) from Corner House.... Just saying. (sic)" And we completely agree. The city's favourite ice cream parlour, Corner House, which has been frequented by people from different walks of life like Rahul Dravid, Mahesh Bhupathi and Nandan Nilekani, turns 40 this month.

The journey for owner, A Narayan Rao, has been a 'sweet one'. During times when business is all a number game, Narayan is content seeing different generations from the same family walking into his ice cream parlour to enjoy their 'regular order'. Speaking to *CE* at his Indiranagar office, Narayan says, "Sometimes, I sit in this office on the first floor and just people-watch. There are a few boys who come on their rundown Vespa to share a scoop of ice cream, while on the other hand, there are youngsters who stop by in fancy cars," says Narayan, who has never considered opening a franchise outside of Bengaluru.

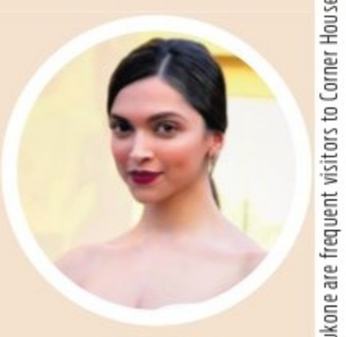
Started in 1982 as a food joint below Nagarjuna Restaurant on Residency Road, Narayan recalls he got the place for ₹2,250 with an advance of ₹33,750. "I managed the rent amount, but the advance was too much. So a friend of mine from college generously signed a draft and asked me to go ahead. 'Don't miss this opportunity,' he had said. I am always grateful to him for that," says Narayan, who passed out of University of Agricultural Sciences, before getting into the F&B business.

Turning the food joint of a decade then into an exclusive ice cream parlour was a calculative risk for Narayan. "There was suddenly a lot of competition in the food business at that point. So I thought why compete when you can fight your own battle. It's also a common perception that one would like to have dessert in a different place to try out more variety, so these new food joints could actually help us increase our customer base. And that's exactly what happened," explains Narayan, adding that they went exclusively into the ice cream business in 1995.

Coming from a family with an Army background where he had to travel various places, he chose to settle down in Bengaluru, owing to its 'tolerant' nature. "Bengalureans love chocolate. One of our crowd favourites is the Hot Chocolate Fudge. It is partly due to the influence of the British as well as because people here are well-travelled," says Narayan, who still collects letters of appreciation from people.

According to him, one of the main secrets of the business is consistency. But having changed various bakers for the supply of their cakes, the taste surely varies. "That's why you need to have one ingredient which is strong and for us, it is our chocolate sauce. That masks everything. I still personally supervise its making," says Narayan.

As they turn 40, Narayan is gearing up for a new adventure with the next-gen entering the business. His son Dhananjay Rao (33), is currently co-running a bakery and is the main supplier of cakes for the franchise. Considering the changing preferences of people, they have now introduced a vegan range. "Customers' tastes and preferences are constantly changing. It is something that we have been working on for a while. It is challenging because you don't want to mess with something that is working well either. We are just trying to cater to the growing vegan market," says Dhananjay, adding that it is currently available at only the Indiranagar branch, since they wanted to take it slow.



Rahul Dravid and Deepika Padukone are frequent visitors to Corner House

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From the archives

You need to have one ingredient which is strong and for us, it is our chocolate sauce. That masks everything. I still personally supervise its making – A Narayan Rao, owner, Corner House

Gamucha and glamour

Bangladeshi designer and acclaimed ex-model, Bibi Russell, who launched her collection in Bengaluru for the first time recently, tells *CE* what's in store

MONIKA MONALISA

AS a model twirled her outfit, a Bibi Russell one, the Bangladeshi designer rushed to her saying, "It's not a gown, darling" and corrected the way the dress should be carried. Russell, who is UNESCO's Artist of Peace, was in the city to showcase her collection at a fashion show recently. The show was curated by fashion guru Prasad Bidapa.

During the show, models walked in wearing her collection in hues of green and red, setting the mood for the evening. The designer gave a modern spin to the humble handspun fabric. Although well-connected to the city through many close friends and well-wishers, it turned out to be the first time Russell's designs were going to be available here. "I am not here to do business. And I am so happy everyone is leading a sustainable life and going for such options. I felt this was the right time to come in," says Russell, an internationally-acclaimed former model.

In 1975, Russell earned her degree in fashion from London College of Fashion, and worked with many prominent names in the industry. She has been associated with international names like Yves Saint Laurent, Kenzo, Karl Lagerfeld and Giorgio Armani. "These facts could be hard to believe because of my simple living and the simple clothes I wear," laughs Russell, adding that she returned to Dhaka in 1994 to set up fashion studio Bibi Productions, where she worked with weavers directly. "I had many offers but you see, I came back. I stayed in London but I wanted people to choose sustainable options. I don't believe that fashion is for one class," says Russell.

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Bibi Russell

Russell had her first European fashion show in Paris, in 1996. "I decided to support the weavers of Bangladesh right from my first collection. It was supported by UNESCO and was held at their headquarters," says the 72-year-old, who showcased quintessential 'Indian gamucha' at the fashion show then. While speaking to Russell, it is hard to miss her signature round-framed spectacles with flower art on the frames. "These are powered glasses and the art on the frames are designed by me, inspired by the rickshaws and trucks in Bangladesh. They are so arty and beautiful," smiles Russell, adding that a lot of her prints are inspired from these artworks.

Happily married

AR Rahman's daughter Khatija Rahman who recently got married had an intimate affair with only close associates attending their reception. City-based musician Sanjeev Thomas, who attended the reception, posted a picture with the couple on social media, and captioned it, "Lovely attending Khatija Rahman's reception. Wishing both Riyaz and Khatija a prosperous marriage ahead (sic)."

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹2,500 from Gatsby Cocktails & Cuisines**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Vidyarthi Bhavan and a play called Vidyarthi Bhavana at Chowdiah Memorial Hall 2) Maya 3) Jamie Oliver Pizzeria, The Naked Chef

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Sindhuja Rajan 2. Nitasha Bansal
3. Dwarakanath Srinivas

***Conditions apply**

SPORTING A FRESH CANVAS

Yumna Harisingh, daughter of ex-IPS officer Jija Harisingh, on being the art curator for the recently-concluded Khelo India Games...

ISHRATH MUBEEN

A few Sundays ago, at 'Art in The Park' event by Art-Mantram in Cubbon Park, about 20 artists created live paintings, recalls Yumna Harisingh, founding trustee and vice president, Art-Mantram, a platform for artists. "It just so happened that the chief guest of the day, Shalini Goel, additional chief secretary in-charge of Khelo India National University Games, was impressed with the live works of the artists. She immediately asked us if the artists would be able to record the Khelo India University Games through live art paintings," she says.

Interestingly, this was the first-ever live painting at a sporting event. "The fact that the artists were able to capture the essence of the sport and translate it onto the canvas is remarkable," says Yumna, daughter of former IPS officer Jija Harisingh. Singh, managing trustee and mentor, Art-Mantam, tells us the challenges of marrying art and sport, especially since the games were held at venues across and beyond the main city limits in the summer heat. "We chose artists who could paint that particular genre. They were expected to paint people as well as bring in action. Of the 300 artists, we chose seven who produced 22 works of art," she says.

The artists who participated in the Khelo India University Games are Arpita, Narayan S Kumbar, Bharath Laddiyavar, Paramesh Jolad, Pritesh Rangole, Santosh Pattar, and Sreenivasa Mekineedi. NS Kumbar – the artist whose work of art is now a part of the gallery of the Union home minister – is a national award winner at the All India Art Competition, New Delhi. Another work from the event was presented to chief minister, BS Bommai.

The collaboration with Khelo India Games has marked another milestone for Yumna. "It was a collaboration of passion of the brush's colour and line, the artist's gaze, the team going for a win, and the fans' participation," Yumna says.

One of the artworks

Yumna and Jija Harisingh

LET'S PARTY

Looking for a Sparkling Punjabi Party? The festive fire has been switched on and celebrations are popping up all over. Go, dance your heart out with DJ Hassan. Get yourself grooving to some Punjabi beats. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Indigo XP, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

MUSIC JAM

Are you a music lover? It's time to bring your positive energy and your voice for a soulful evening of music. Ditch your daily routine and immerse yourself in some soothing music and jam with fellow music lovers. **When:** May 11 onwards **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

BON VOYAGE

Put on your trekking boots and enjoy the sight of huge mountain ranges surrounded with lush greenery and experience some fun water sports. A perfect destination for all the adventure lovers! **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Ramanagara **Details:** bookmyshow.com

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Earthlings Comedy Theatre and Drunkling Sizzlers & Pub bring you the best of comedy. Join the club for some good humour, enjoy delicacies and explore their special drinks. Laugh your heart out and go insane. **When:** May 13 **Where:** Drunkling Sizzlers and Pub, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

LOOKING FOR FUN THINGS TO DO? HEAD TO WONDERLA FOR AN ADRENALINE RUSH WITH WATER, LAND AND OTHER THRILLING RIDES.| WHEN: MAY 9 ONWARDS | DETAILS: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Ladies' Night

Craving a Ladies' Night with unlimited free drinks? The night in East Bengaluru promises you the best ambiance and music. Dance till your toes hurt and enjoy the evening with DJ Vidyut. **When:** May 12-13 **Where:** The Boozy Griffin, Marathahalli **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Pottery Workshop

Want to try your hands at pottery? Lahe Lahe gives you the chance to learn pottery and make your own intricate models. Learn hand-building and how to throw a pot on the potter's wheel. **When:** May 10 **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Trekking Spree

Witness the magic of a thrilling and adventurous trek and climb experience at Savandurga Hills. Soak in the air of the bewitching mountains and get an opportunity to explore kayaking. Get the adventure started! **When:** May 9 onwards **Where:** Gopalan Arcade **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Cooking Tales

Are you a tea person? Is tea time hunger driving you nuts? Tea-time cakes are the best option for your hunger. In this online workshop, learn how to bake healthy and delicious cakes and regulate your eating without compromising taste. **When:** May 9 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Planter Present

Bengaluru-based handcrafted planters studio, Palasa presents their newest collection of summer planters – The Cleo Collective, a range of planters that celebrates the raw and textural elements of concrete. Price: ₹1,200 onwards. **For details, visit:** www.palasa.co.in

Ragi Kana is celebrating their fifth anniversary with an array of programmes like music, story telling, pottery and cooking workshops and many more activities. Join them in celebrating art and culture together. **When:** May 14-15 **Where:** Ragi Kana, Sri Ramakrishna Samagra Shikshana Kendra Campus, Off Bannerghatta Rd

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

PRAWN ROAST

INGREDIENTS

- **Prawns:** 4 (peeled)
- **Chilli powder:** 2 tbsp
- **Coriander powder:** 1 tbsp
- **Garam masala:** 1 tbsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/4 tbsp
- **Mustard seeds** (small pinch)
- **Onion:** 1 (sliced)
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** 1 tbsp
- **Green chilli** (slit)
- **Coconut:** 1/3 cup
- **Salt** as per taste
- **Coconut oil** as required

METHOD

- Clean the prawns and keep aside. Prepare the marinade by mixing chilli powder, coriander powder, turmeric powder, garam masala and salt. Marinate the prawns and allow them to rest for 15 minutes.
- Heat oil in a pan on medium flame, fry sliced coconut pieces until it starts turning brown. Remove from the pan and set aside.
- In the same pan, add the marinated prawns, pan roast on both sides. Remove and set aside.
- In the same pan, add some mustard seeds to splutter. Add curry leaves, green chillies, salt and onion. Sauté on a medium flame.
- Add ginger-garlic paste, sauté for one minute and add the roasted prawns. Mix well, and close and cook for 2 minutes on low flame.
- Stir properly, check salt, add curry leaves and serve.

–Mousumi Chakraborty, Bhubaneswar

FIT BIT

EKA HASTA KAPOTASANA
(ONE-HAND PIGEON POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'eka' means one, 'hasta' means hand, 'kapota' means pigeon, and 'asana' means pose. A strong hip-opener, this asana gives your spine a good stretch. Additionally, the asana is believed to activate the Anahata or heart chakra which stimulates love, trust, and kindness. It can also awaken the Ajna (third-eye) chakra, responsible for perception, consciousness, and intuition. As it can help improve focus, both inward and outward, the asana, then, is a great way to energise your brain.

STEPS

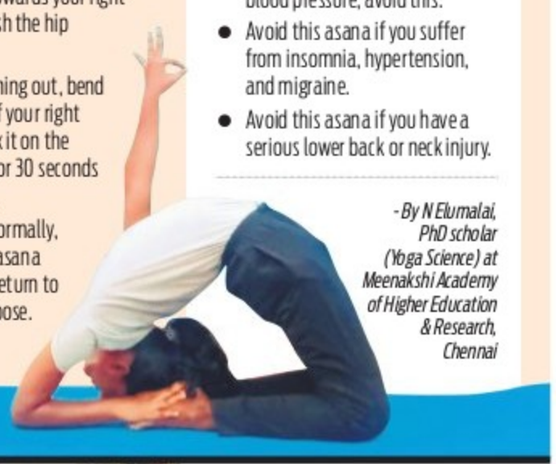
- Sit comfortably in Ushtrasana.
- Inhale, pull in and raise your lower abdomen. Move your tailbone downward. Exhale.
- Inhale, raise your arms to your ears. Exhale, move your torso backwards with a straight lower back. Inhale, move further back.
- Raise the shoulders gently and squeeze your elbows toward each other. Move your head back and hold the pose for 5 breaths.
- Inhale, bring your arms to the floor. Press your feet into the floor, and bend the knees to reach your palms, placed outside each foot. Moving backward, check on the lower back.
- Move your right hand's palm backward towards the right knee and hold the heel firmly.
- Now, raise your left hand towards the sky in Gyan mudra.
- Holding your left feet, squeeze the elbow towards your right feet and push the hip forward.
- While breathing out, bend the elbow of your right hand and fix it on the floor. Hold for 30 seconds to 1 minute.
- Breathing normally, assume Balasana and gently return to your initial pose.

BENEFITS

- Stretches and strengthens the leg muscles and joints.
- Increases flexibility in spine, arms, thighs, calf muscles, hands, and shoulders.
- Can help treat urinary disorders.
- Tones throat muscles and organs inside the rib cage, abdomen, and chest.
- Helps regulate blood circulation; increases oxygen intake.
- Stimulates the nervous system.
- Improves functions of the digestive system.
- Relieves sciatica pain.
- Reduces effects of chronic diseases.
- Relaxes the mind; releases stress.
- Can help treat urinary disorders.

LIMITATIONS

- People with have low or high blood pressure, avoid this.
- Avoid this asana if you suffer from insomnia, hypertension, and migraine.
- Avoid this asana if you have a serious lower back or neck injury.



- By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

Guests on Live Your Best Life with Liz Brunner are best-selling authors, international executives, public personalities, thought-leaders, health and fitness experts and award-winning chefs, among others who share their stories.

- **On: Gaana**

KARMA: A YOGI'S GUIDE TO CRAFTING YOUR OWN DESTINY

Here, not only does Sadhguru explain what karma is and how we can use its concepts to enhance our lives, he also tells us about the sutras, a step-by-step guide to navigating our way in this challenging world. In the process, we get a deeper, richer understanding of life and the power to craft our destinies.

- **On: Audible**

SLEEPING PILL

Relax, leave your worries behind, and allow Inka Magnaye to program your mind with her voice as she reads you a curated selection of exemplary literary works to lull you into much-needed sleep.

- **On: Spotify**

IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MONEY

In The Psychology of Money, award-winning author Morgan Housel shares 19 short stories, exploring the strange ways people think about money and teaches you how to make better sense of one of life's most important topics.

- **On: Audible**

BHARAT KE ASLEE HEROES

A daily podcast that talks about the valour, character and life of the heroes of Indian mythology. From the thrilling tales of Lord Ram and Sati/ Parvati, to the lesser-known stories of heroes like Parashurama and Balram – tune in daily as we shine the spotlight on our mythical superheroes.

- **On: Spotify**

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RANNA

Sharat assures his despondent grandfather that he will reunite him with his estranged daughter. To fulfil his promise, he goes to work for the woman's family as a driver.

Cast: Sudeepa, Prakash Raj, Rachita Ram, Haripriya

KALIYA NO 1

A tough police officer goes out of his way to bring down the underworld dons and is even ready to murder them in planned encounters to rid the society of evil.

Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Gajala, Kishore, Rangayana Raghu

SANTHA

Santosha works hard to secure money to treat his sisters who suffer from intellectual disability. A false case lodged against him triggers a chain of events leading him to become an underworld don.

Cast: Sridevika, Aarti Chabria, Shiva Rajkumar, Sangliana

NANDHI

A young man is falsely imprisoned for a crime he did not commit which forces him to join hands with a gangster. However, he decides to leave his criminal activities to reunite with his family.

Cast: Sudeep, Ashish Vidyarthi, Vikash, Sindhu Menon

SHRUTHI

Four friends aspiring to be musicians meet Sruthi who is in search of her lover. She helps them change their fortunes in the music industry. The sudden arrival of Sruthi's lover changes their relationships.

Cast: Sunil, Shruti, Honnavalli Krishna, Mandeep Roy

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A WAR REFUGEE BY ZARLASHT HALAIMZAI

In this poignant, vital talk, writer and refugee advocate Zarlasht Halaimzai articulates the lingering trauma of being expendable – and shares how belonging to a community can help bring back feelings of long-lost safety.

2 HOW WEBTOONS ARE CHANGING MOVIES AND TV BY HYEONMI KIM

Pop culture is changing, thanks to a different kind of storytelling, says digital strategist Hyeonmi Kim. They're called webtoons: comic-like illustrations published in short segments and meant to be read on a smartphone in five to 10 minutes. Kim breaks down how webtoons have leapt from phones to the big screen.

3 WHAT MY GENDER TRANSITION TAUGHT ME ABOUT WOMANHOOD BY PAULA STONE WILLIAMS

After leading a well-established life as a pastor, father and husband, Paula Stone Williams could no longer deny her truth and transitioned. Williams offers her perspective on the everyday experiences lost, gained and once taken for granted in her journey of trans womanhood.

4 GOATS, BLOCKCHAIN AND THE FUTURE OF MONEY BY FARIEL SALAHUDDIN

Alternative currency enthusiast Fariel Salahuddin explores how the way we exchange value has evolved over time – from bartering to blockchain – and shares a new perspective on currency that promotes self-reliance for farmers and creates a more inclusive economy.

5 THE CHINESE LEGEND OF THE BUTTERFLY LOVERS BY LIJUN ZHANG

Although only boys were allowed at the Confucius Academy, what Zhu Yingtai wanted was to go to school. She begged her parents to let her attend dressed as a boy and they finally agreed – as long as she kept her identity a secret and later returned to the traditional path they'd set for her. Lijun Zhang shares the Chinese myth of the butterfly lovers.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MISHAN IMPOSSIBLE (Hindi)

The movie centres around three children, who go on a journey to apprehend the criminal Dawood Ibrahim. And it is based on a true incident. In 2014, three boys from Patna set out to nab Dawood Ibrahim and made headlines.

Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Harsh Roshan, Bhanu Prakshan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

MAI (Hindi, series)

A grieving woman discovers the criminals behind her daughter's tragic death and turns merciless to get the real story.

Cast: Wamiqa Gabbi, Sakshi Tanwar, Raima Sen, Vivek Mushran

- **Watch on:** Netflix

MACHHER JHOL (Bengali)

Paris-based celebrity chef Dev D struggles to achieve perfection with a simple fish curry recipe after he returns home to his ailing mother. The film lies at the intersection of a traditionally food-crazy culture and the new world of Masterchef, #foodstagram and focaccia bread. Comfort viewing for the homesick Bengali.

Cast: Paoli Dam, Mamata Shankar, Arjun Chakrabarty, Mithu Chakrabarty

- **Watch on:** Netflix

EK LOVE YA (Kannada)

Amar, a bright young boy, falls in love with Anitha, but when she rejects his advances, Amar turns into a different person with dim prospects.

Cast: Raanna, Reeshma Nanaiah, Shashi Kumar

- **Watch on:** Zee 5

SAANI KAAYIDHAM (Tamil)

A generational curse comes true in a senseless act of injustice to Ponni and her family, who are driven to seek vengeance by Sangaiya, with whom Ponni shares a bitter past. The film is based on a few real life incidents that took place in the 1980s.

Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Selvaraghavan, Murugadoss

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ANTAKSHARI (Malayalam)

Circle inspector Das, who has a penchant for playing antakshari, soon finds trouble when a criminal goads him to partake in the singing game and threatens the former's family. This prompts Das to launch an investigation that uncovers the motive of the perpetrator, while also posing challenges for him.

Cast: Saiju Kurup, Priyanka Nair

- **Watch on:** Sony Liv

ASHTAVAKRA (Marathi)

A pregnant woman goes through a series of obstacles when she gets arrested. The situation gets further complicated when she has to deliver her child in jail.

Cast: Mangesh Giri, Vidyadhar Joshi, Mayuri Mandalik

- **Watch on:** Jio Cinema

FOREIGN

LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE (English, series)

Following the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and an enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. Set in Shaker Heights, Ohio in the 1990s.

Cast: Kerry Washington, Reese Witherspoon, Lexi Underwood

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

ZERO (Italian, series)

A shy teen with the power to turn invisible must get it under control to help defend his neighborhood, putting aside the pursuit of his artistic dream.

Cast: Giuseppe Dave Seke, Haroun Fall, Beatrice Grannò

- **Watch on:** Netflix

TRAIN TO BUSAN (Korean)

The story follows a businessman, Seok-woo in Seoul, who lives with his daughter, Soo-an, and his mother. Seok-woo is shown to be a selfish man and neglects Soo-an, but on her birthday, he promises to take her to her mother in Busan.

Cast: Gong Yoo, Don Lee, Sohee

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

LOCAS POR EL CAMBIO (Mexican)

The film is a comedy about Paula and Paulina, two young women who hate each other, who magically swap bodies after a high school reunion.

Cast: Mariel Molino, Aloejandra Ley

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

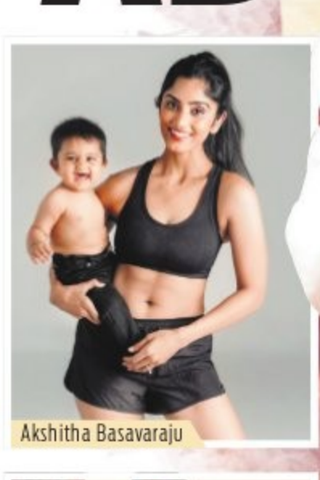
SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹ 499 per year
Apple TV:	₹ 99 per month
Prime Video:	₹ 179 per month
Netflix:	₹ 149 per month

Kim Kardashian may have lost 7.2 kg in two weeks for the recently-concluded Met Gala, however, experts point out the long-term effects of unhealthy weight loss

FIT FAD

ANILA KURIAN


Akshitha Basavaraju

Keertana Ramu

Kim Kardashian

THE Met Gala, which took place in New York last week, saw celebrities and influencers turning up in their best or what they thought was best. And social media users passed their comments with no fear or favour. However, if there's one look that's caught the attention of the public, it's reality television influencer Kim Kardashian, who wore Marilyn Monroe's dress at the Met Gala. This has raised eyebrows as reports point out how she lost 16 pounds (7.2 kg approx) to wear the dress. While many applauded her for her determination, others felt her influence on the public might send across a wrong message.

Image consultant Babita Jaishankar says, "It's definitely unhealthy to put yourself through such a process for just one event. However, it depends on the support system you have for it. In the case of Kim, she leads a lifestyle where she's surrounded by cameras, deals with paparazzi and is always in the limelight. Maybe she had a really good nutritionist or had some help to deal with the external factor — we're not too sure about it. But this is not possible or healthy for someone leading a normal life."

She points out that running around doing chores and cutting down carbs can affect one's energy level. "When my clients come to me with similar demands, I always tell them to have an aspirational or a look board to see what they are looking for in a person. This differs from person to person and can be inspirations they draw from people on social media or someone they know," she explains, adding that people are now more aware that what they see on social media isn't always true.

Akshitha Basavaraju, a certified fitness specialist, had shared her post-pregnancy weight loss last year. While she received positive comments, she also received criticism from some who felt it was impossible to lose weight within a few weeks of birth. "How your body reacts post-pregnancy entirely depends on how you've taken care of yourself during the nine months," she says. However, she doesn't recommend anyone to starve themselves or go through a rigorous process to get 'the look'. "Kim Kardashian had a set goal and she did everything to achieve it. How she did it and what she went through to make it possible isn't something I would recommend to anyone because it's not the healthiest process and can backfire once you've stopped following that schedule," Basavaraju says.

Nutritionist Keertana Ramu highlights that an influencer of Kim's stature could be sending out the wrong message. "Many struggle with their weight-loss journey. People follow very strict diets for weddings or certain events but cutting out nutritional elements for two weeks is problematic," she says.

For planned annual events like the Met, Ramu feels like Kim's message could have been that she's been working towards achieving the goal much before than just waiting for the last minute. "The process can be stressful," she says, adding that it could cause damage to skin, hair and overall health. Ramu, instead, advises people to keep their health top priority and work consistently for best long-term results.

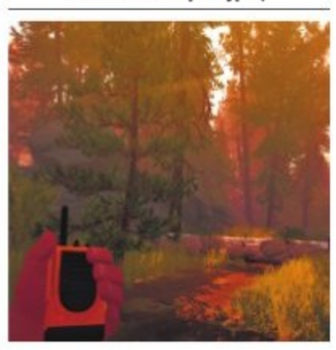
CELEBRATORY MOMENT

It was a merry evening with music and mirth at the 74th Independence Day of the State of Israel recently. For Tammy Ben-Haim, consul-general of Israel to South India, it also marked her first event in the city post taking charge in March | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Firewatch : A slow burn

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)



Gamers often disregard the existence of a game concept commonly referred to as a 'Walking Simulator'. This is because there is no giant rulebook with control combinations, and gamers love the semblance of a challenge. In Walking Simulators, we explore a neatly laid out universe and uncover its story by pointing and clicking at objects. The casual nature of the concept makes it a great starting point for beginners. Stuck somewhere between a book, a movie, and a videogame, it requests only the player's attention. The question is – are they exciting enough to demand our attention?

I finally played Firewatch. It is the story of Henry's 1989 summer adventure in the forests of Wyoming. To escape the gloominess of his life, Henry takes the lonely job of a forest fire lookout. A very foolish decision, since the forest is even more dull, with his only source of human contact being another forest lookout — Delilah. He talks to her over a handheld radio, as they cannot meet; they both survey distinct parts of the forest. Hiking in the woodlands serves picturesque views, and makes for an eerie gameplay setting during nights. Gradually, strange happenings, and clues scattered along the map slowly reveal itself. We learn that Henry and Delilah are not alone in this dangerous forest. There is a secret. It is all very mysterious.

I am grateful for the success of Firewatch since it set ablaze the discourse and interest in this game genre. But Firewatch limits itself in its linear story. It pretends to offer us an open-world of story progression options, while not really impacting the story in a significant way. Decision-based consequences were moot from the very beginning, considering that Delilah and Henry had both already made their choices in life.

The game impresses the moral that escapism has its consequences, with Henry and Delilahfinding themselves forced to confront their decisions in life. The voices, the music, and the forest are all excellent actors. I recommend a playthrough of this game only because it is currently free on the Xbox Game Pass, and can be completed in a few hours.

CITY READ

Railway Week celebrated in city

The 67th Railway Week was recently celebrated at the Rail Wheel Factory. Ajai Kumar Dubey, general manager, Rail Wheel Factory, awarded the meritorious employees who have excelled in their performance during the year 2021-22. He also addressed the gathering and appreciated the Axle team for development and supply of axles for 18 trains in record time of three weeks and highlighted the performance of Rail Wheel Factory during the year 2021-22 and roadmap of 2022-23.

College hosts intercollegiate cultural fest

Sankara College of Optometry hosted 'Reflektionz', a national intercollegiate cultural festival, recently, at the Sankara Eye Hospital Campus. Around 500 students from optometry colleges across Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry participated in the festival. Themed 'Carnival' to celebrate the 75th Year of India's Independence, the two-day event provided students with a platform to showcase their talent through a variety of literary events, cultural and performing arts events. The ninth edition of Reflektionz had 22 events, the valedictory function and handing of the rolling trophy to Nethradhama College of Optometry, Bengaluru.

Workshop on 'co-operative society audit' held

Branch of SIRC of ICAI organised a one-day workshop on 'Co-operative Society Audit for CA'. The chief guest of the event was Adarsh Kumar N R Kcas, director of co-operative audit department, chairman of Bengaluru Branch CA. Srinivasa T, CA Cotha S Srinivas CCM, CA Pannaraj vice-chairman SIRC, CA Geetha AB, RCM, CB Chikkadi, JD co-op Audit, Vijayapura Dist, Sadhana D Gaonkar JD co-op Audit, Bang, Pradeep S Wali, assistant director of corp audit, Sunil Kumar MP, assistant director of co-op audit, were present.

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I, **KARAN** Son of **Group Captain R BHARDWAJ VSM** Resident of No.OMQ P- 318/51, HQ Training Command, JC Nagar Post, Bengaluru- 560006 have changed my Name from **KARAN** to **KARAN BHARDWAJ** vide Affidavit dated: 06-05-2022 before Notary **N. Peruvazhuthi,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, hitherto known as **POOJA PATIL N,** W/o Siddaroodh Gurupadappa Nekar, R/o # 431/13, Near Darga (Plot) Hirenarthi, Dharwad-581113, Karnataka have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **VIDYA SIDDAROODH NEKAR,** vide affidavit dated 4th May 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Smt. Vatsala** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAGIMAIDASS ANTHONYSAMY** (New Name) aged about 65 years, son of LATE ANTHONYSAMY, R/at NO.A-11, 7TH CROSS, 2ND MAIN, BHAKSHI GARDEN, COTTONPET, BENGALURU-560053, PERMANENT R/OF NO.3/133, PUNITHA SUSAIYAPPAR STREET, DUTT NAGAR, ARIYALUR (THIRUKKAI), VILLUPURAM DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU-605402, that I have changed my name from **MAGIMAIDOSS** (Old Name) to **MAGIMAIDASS ANTHONYSAMY** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **MAGIMAIDASS ANTHONYSAMY** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 07/05/2022 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JANET COUTINHO,** R/o No.91 8th Cross, near St. Thomas Church Kanakanagar, R.T.Nagar Post Bengaluru – 560032, declares that name **JANET PREMILA D'SOUZA** as mentioned in my SSLC Marks card and **JANET COUTINHO** as mentioned in my Aadhar & Pan Card, both belongs me only, vide affidavit dated 05.05.2022, sworn before notary G.B. Turamari, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) BHAGYA MADDAN JAIN, residing at No. 22, Hermitage Apartment, Ground Floor, Haudin Road, Off Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560042, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) BHAGYA MADDAN JAIN** to **(NEW NAME) BHAGYA JAIN** vide affidavit Dated 05/05/2022 sworn before Notary Smt. B.Chitra, Bangalore-560023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMAN KHINCHA,** D/o Sri Chaitan Prakash and W/o Mr. Pramod Chand Khincha, age 50 years, presently camping at No. 11, 4th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-18, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUMAN CHAITAN PRAKASH** to **SUMAN KHINCHA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUMAN KHINCHA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th May 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HYDER KHAN,** S/o Mehaboobkhan, aged about 42 years, residing at Flat No.103, 'A' Block, "Shathavartha Enclave", 1st Main, K.R.Garden, Murgesh Palya, Bengaluru-560017. My wife intend to change our son's name from **AHAN KHAN H** to **AAHIL ALI KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 07.05.2022 Sworn to Before R.S. VIJAY Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINOD KUMAR.R** aged about 45 Years, S/o Sri. Ravi, R/at: No.16, 13th Cross, Bharathyiar Road, Sadashiva Temple Street, Ramaswamy Palya, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 033, have changed my son's name from SAMANYU VINOD (Old Name) to SAMANYU VINOD KUMAR (New Name) vide affidavit dated 07-05-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary H.K. Gopalagowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) KAVITHA S, residing at No. 11, 13th Cross, 6th Main, S.G.Kaval Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, 'D' Group Layout, Bangalore-560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KAVITHA S** to **(NEW NAME) KAVITHA BHASKAR** vide affidavit Dated 29/04/2022 sworn before Notary Devaraja.E, Bangalore.

I, Zubair Ahmed Maniyar, R/at No. G1, JMR Apt., Gollahalli Main Road, E. City Phase I, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560099 hereby declare that in my Passport my name is mentioned as **Maniyar Zuber Ahmed** instead of Zubair Ahmed Maniyar. I further declare that both are one and the same person i.e., me only. Hence this affidavit **dt. 06.05.2022** to produce before the concerned authorities, sworn before Notary **B M Chandrashekar**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KAVITA KARN,** W/o Shardendu Kumar, residing at A-1108, Shriram Greenfield, Bommenahalli, Bidarahalli, Mandur, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 0049, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KAVITA KARN** and **KAVITA KUMARI KARN** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 7th May 2022, sworn before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MULLA DAWOOD MOHAMMED HUSSAIN,** Aged 72 Years, S/o Mohammed Hussain, residing at No 1250, Roshan Street, Magdoom Colony, Bhatkal, Nawayat Colony, Uttara Kannada, Bhatkal, Karnataka, 581320. have changed my name from **MULLA ISMAIL** to **MULLA DAWOOD MOHAMMED** HUSSAIN vide affidavit dated: 07-05-2022, before Notary SIVAKUMARA .M.N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Narayana,** S/o Ganganna, aged about 28 years, permanently residing at No.8-87, Venkatagiripalyam, Gutturu, Ananthapuram Dist, Andhra Pradesh-565164 and presently Residng at # 2/2, Narasimaiahna Palya, Summanahalli, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560 091. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's (DOB: 14.07.2014) name from **'SRAVANI.B'** to **"SRILEKHA.N"** Vide affidavit dated 22.04.2022, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Sakina Bano, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHILPA HITESH JAIN, residing at No. 68/103, Arihant Castle, Shankar Mutt Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHILPA JAIN** vide affidavit Dated 30/04/2022 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PAVAN .M**, aged about 29 years, S/o Sri Manjunatha .N.V, R/at No. 730, "Manju Mane", 30th Cross, Poornapragna Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru - 560061, have changed my name to **"PAVAN MANJUNATHA SHARMA"**, vide affidavit dated: 04/05/2022 before Notary **Mr. SHANKARANARAYANA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SASHIKANTH BALACHANDAR,** aged about 55 years, S/o Balachandar Sivaswamy, R/at Villa 582, Phase 3, Phase-3, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Outer Ring Road, Next to Intel Campus, Devarabeesanahalli, Bellandru, Bengaluru-560103, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BALACHANDAR SASIKANTH** to **SASHIKANTH BALACHANDAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SASHIKANTH BALACHANDAR** only, vide affidavit dated 05-05-2022, sworn before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMT. MADEVI,** W/o Masthegowda, aged about 39 years, residing at No. E 113, Bangalore North, Chowdeshwari Nagara, Laggere, Bangalore-560058. have changed my name from **SMT. MADEVI** to **SMT. MAHADEVAMMA** vide affidavit dated: 04-05-2022, Sworn to Before the 32 Addl. Chief Metro politan Magistrate at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SIDDE GOWDA K S, Residing at Flat No. 10, Varma Layout, Bapa Grama (Post), Dasanapura Hobli, Machohalli Village, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560 091, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **HARSHIL KUMAR S** to **SUMITH,** vide affidavit dated 07.05.2022, sworn before T.V. Chandra Shekara Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAKHI ANANT VIPAT, resident of # D4-134, SNN RAJ ETTERNIA, Silver County Road, Parappana Agrahara, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name to **RAKHI VIPAT** vide affidavit dated 06-05-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

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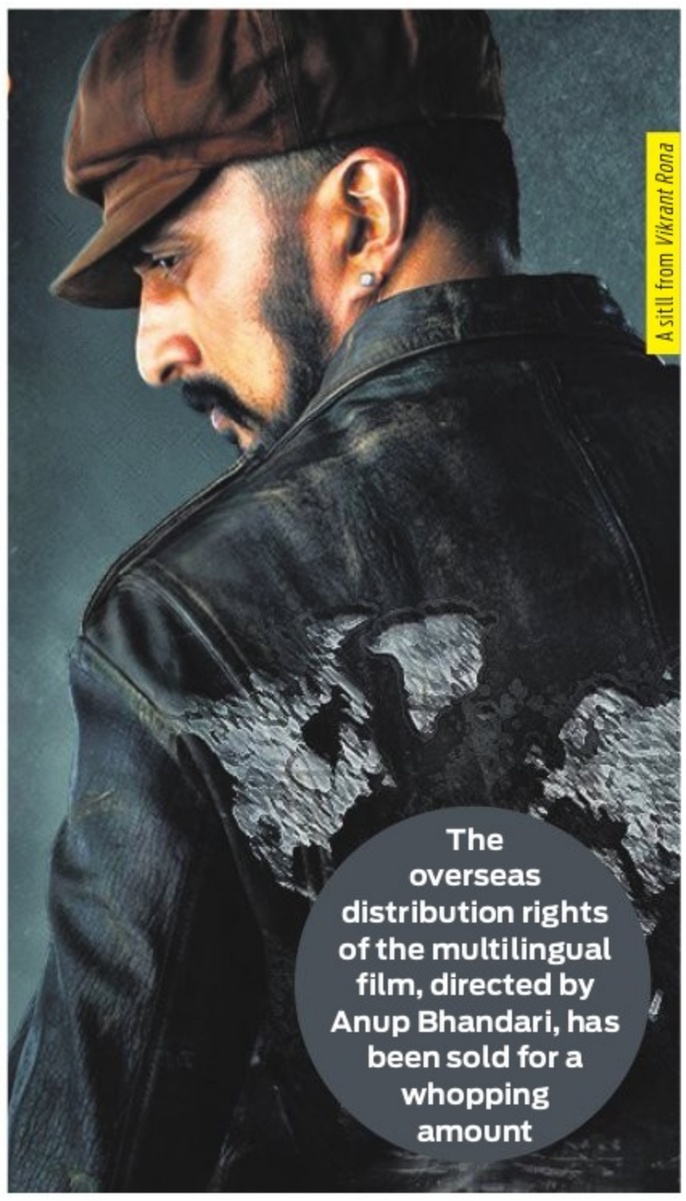
A still from Vikrant Rona
The overseas distribution rights of the multilingual film, directed by Anup Bhandari, has been sold for a whopping amount

Manjunath Gowda, Kiran, Sudeep, and Anup Bhandari

SUDEEP'S *VIKRANT RONA* MAKES GOOD OVERSEAS BUSINESS BEFORE RELEASE

CE FEATURES

SUDEEP'S *Vikrant Rona* is doing good pre-release business. According to the latest development, One Twenty 8 Media has bought the overseas releasing rights for a whopping amount. Makers claim that it's a record price for a Kannada film. Though the team are tight-lipped about the amount, our sources say that the film did a business for $1.3 million (₹ 10 crore).

Producer Manjunath Gowda says, "I've always maintained that the content of the film is universal. The emotions will hit the right chord across the world, and this deal is a testament to it. Extremely happy about the purchase and will announce the remaining details at the earliest."

Helmed by Anup Bhandari, the fantasy action-adventure will also release in 3D on July 28. It is presented by Zee Studios and backed by Shalini Arts in association with co-producer Alankar Pandian.

Along with Sudeep, the film also stars Nirup Bhandari, Neetha Ashok, and Jacqueline Fernandes, among others.

Music directors Ajaneesh Loknath and David William have worked on the music and cinematography respectively.

The multilingual will be dubbed and released in English and other foreign languages. Sudeep has himself dubbed for the English version.

GAALIPATA 2 RELEASE DATE ANNOUNCED

Yogaraj Bhara's directorial, starring Ganesh, Diganth, and Pawan Kumar, to hit the theatres on August 12

A still from the film *Gaalipata 2*

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata 2,* a sequel to his 2008 film *Gaalipata,* gets a release date. Starring Ganesh, Dignath, and Pawan Kumar, the romantic drama will hit the screens on August 12. The makers had earlier planned to release the film in June but changed the plans due to the unseasonal monsoon. The team made the official announcement on their social media platform on Saturday.

Lead actor Ganesh's tweet read, "Get ready to fly on August 12. Mark the date. August 12th." The film, also featuring Anant Nag and Nishvika Naidu in pivotal roles along with Vaibhavi Shandilya, Samyukta Menon, and Sharmiela Mandre, is censored with a 'U' certificate.

This film is the fourth collaboration of Golden Star Ganesh and director Yogaraj Bhat after *Mungaru Male, Gaalipata,* and *Mugulu Nage. Gaalipata 2* has music scored by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Santhosh Raj Pathaje.

The satellite and digital rights of the film, produced by Ramesh Reddy's Suraj Productions, have been sold to Zee Kannada and Zee 5 respectively for a whopping amount.

Meanwhile, Ganesh has *Tribble Riding* getting ready for release. He also is gearing up for the shooting of Preetham Gubbi's *Baanadaariyalli,* which also stars Rukmini Vasanth and Reeshma Nanaiah.

SONAL MONTEIRO PLAYS A TIK-TOK-OBSESSED GIRL IN *GARADI*

The actor talks about her role in Yogaraj Bhat's directorial in which she features as a village belle; the film also brings to the fore her colourful costumes

A SHARADHAA

GARADI, directed by Yogaraj Bhat, is in the last leg of shooting. The sports-based drama, centered on the world of traditional gymnasiums, stars Surya as a wrestler and Sonal Monteiro as the female lead.

Sonal Monterio speaks to *CE* from the sets of *Garadi*. It's not a functional heroine role, according to the actor. Sonal is a Tik-Tok-obsessed village girl in the film.

"She is a village girl trying to be modern, and she is obsessed with Tik Tok. Another highlight of the character is her attires - they are colourful and jazzy. Yogaraj Bhat was so particular about the traits of the character, which I term 'bright', 'funky', and 'peppy'. I am pretty talkative in the first half. A rare opportunity has come my way. I am glad," she says.

Sonal Monterio will also be seen in upcoming films *Sugar Factory* and *Talwarpete*. The actor is also excited to be part of the Sarojini Naidu biopic, which is still nascent stage. "I have always wanted to act in a biopic. It is another feather on my cap," she says.

Sonal Monteiro

Kavitha Gowda

KAVITHA GOWDA'S PROMOTIONAL SONG *GANDHARI* FOR *MATADOR*

CE FEATURES

SUDARSHAN G Shekar, who has worked in various films for 13 years, is making his directorial debut with *Matador*. It's a hyperlink film that tells five stories featuring newcomers Kiran, Ravi Mysuru, Raja Kama Varma, and Archana Mahesh. Now, the makers are coming up with a promotional song which will feature Kavitha Gowda in a special appearance.

Titled *Gandhari*, the song is composed and written by Paneesh Raja. Apoorva Shridhar has sung the number. *Matador* is about life and Karma. The film, produced by Kiran Kumar, will be hitting the theatres on May 27.

A still from the film *Matador*

Padavi Poorva hero Prithvi Shamanur to play Darshan junior in *Garadi*

Prithvi Shamanur

CE FEATURES

WHILE it is known that Darshan is playing a prominent character in the film, it has now come to light that the younger version of his character will be played by Prithvi Shamanur. This role marks yet another interesting role for the young actor, who is making his debut with Hariprasad Jayanna's *Padavi Poorva*.

In the stills shared by the *Garadi* team, we see Prithvi in a face-off with another wrestler. *Garadi* is backed by Minister of State for Agriculture BC Patil, who is making an acting comeback in the film, which also stars his son-in-law Sujay Belur in a pivotal role.

The team will complete shooting a schedule this week, and Darshan is expected to join the shoot in the next. In the same schedule, the *Garadi* team will also film the songs that are composed by V Harikrishna.

A still from the film *Garadi*

Brahmastra becomes first Indian film on Disney's global theatrical release slate

CE FEATURES

AYAN Mukerji's *Brahmastra* will be a part of Disney's upcoming global theatrical release slate. The Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures has added the first part of the trilogy to its 2022 slate. Along with *Brahmastra* are titles like *Thor: Love and Thunder, Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* and *Avatar: The Way of Water.*

Brahmastra Part One: Shiva is a superhero fantasy film starring Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt. The film revolves round the quest for a mystical divine weapon called Brahmastra. It also features Amitabh Bachchan, Mouni Roy and Nagarjuna Akkineni and Dimple Kapadia in key roles. Produced by Fox Star Studios (owned by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures) and Dharma Productions, *Brahmastra* will release on September 9 in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.